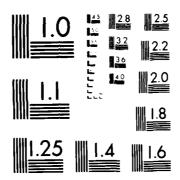
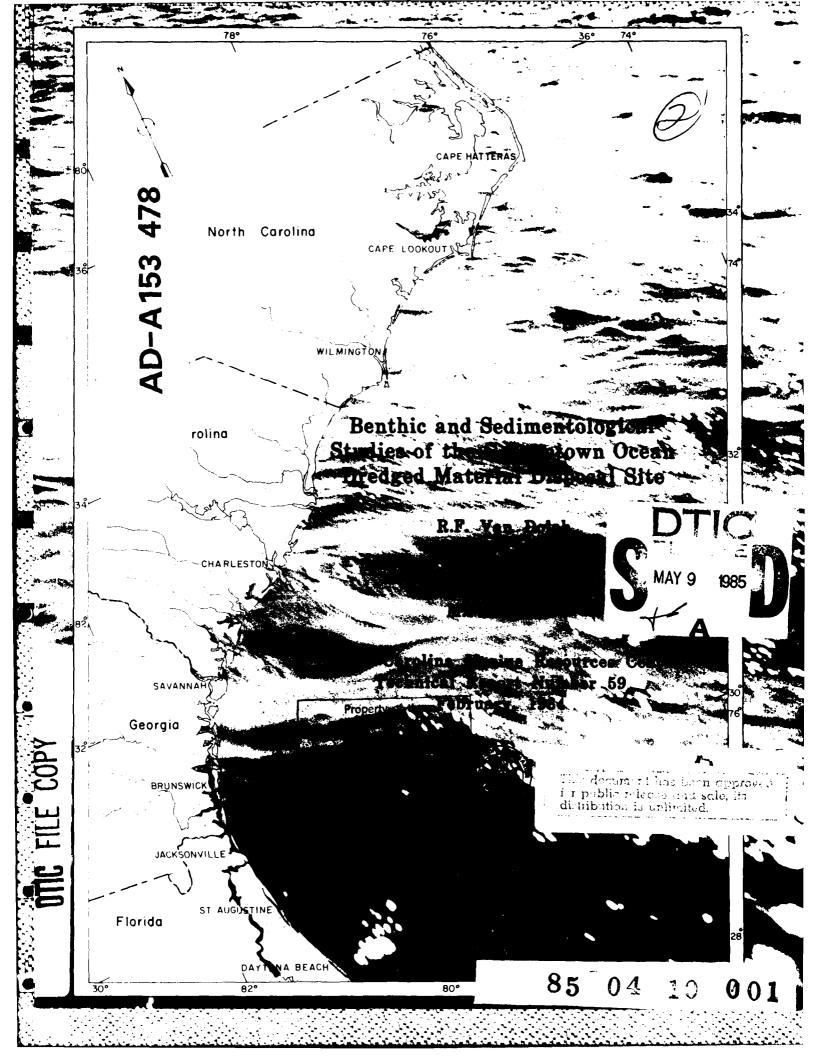
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## Introduction

The Georgetown Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (DMDS) has been selected by the Corps of Engineers for release of sediments dredged from the channels associated with Georgetown Harbor. This disposal area is similar in depth and bottom type to the larger Charleston Harbor Ocean Disposal Area located approximately 87 km to the southwest. Although the latter area was sampled in 1978 for a baseline benthic and sedimentological characteriation (South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, 1979), no similar data base exists for the Georgetown DMDS. At the present time, the Georgetown DMDS is being used under iterim approval by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Continued use of this site requires more baseline information for final EPA site approval as authorized by the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA). To obtain the necessary data, the Corps contracted with the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department (SCWMRD) to conduct benthic and sedimentological studies in and near the Georgetown DMDS. Specific objectives of this study were to:

- 1) Provide a review of existing information on the physical, chemical and biological conditions in the virinity of the Georgetown DMDS and provide a specific fescription of biological, recreational, or other resources that might be affected by ocean disposal;
- 2) Describe the mineralogical, textural, and chemical maracteristics of the bottom sciiments in the seorgetown DMSS, in a control site, in three stations "fown current" of the DMDS, and in the mavigation channel:
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- 4) Ascertain whether the sedim nt characteristics of the DMDS and the stations "down current" have been altered by current disposal practices;
- 5) Describe temperature-depth, salinity-depth, and dissolved oxygen-depth profiles in the water column at all stations, and determine concentrations of metals, pesticides, PCB's, high molecular weight hydrocarbons, and the turbidities at four stations (one DMDS station, one control station, one "down current" station, and one entrance channel station);
- 6) Characterize the species composition and density of benthic communities in the DMDS, in the control site, and in the "down current" stations;
- of pollutants in selected sedentary benthic organisms collected from the DMDS, control site, and "down current" stations;
- 8) Assess the effects of the present dredged material disposal practices on bottom communities in the DMDS and the three "down current" stations....

Results presented in this report provide baseline data necessary for appraising the effects of deposition of dredged material in the Georgetown ocean disposal area. The study also supplements existing knowledge of the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of the nearshore sand bottom habitat off South Carolina.

## **Review of Existing Information**

The following survey of existing information is intended to provide a brief description of the environmental conditions and biological resources near the Georgetown DMDS. This information is compared with that described by the US EPA (1982) for similar disposal sites within the South Atlantic Bight.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### Hydrography and Currents

A summary of previous studies which provide hydrographic data in the vicinity of the Georgetown DMDS is presented in Figure 1. Although most of these studies sampled areas either inshore or effshore of the proposed DMDS, the data generally support conditions described by the US EPA (1982) for nearshore South Carolina waters.

Surface water temperatures in the nearshore areas around Winyah Bay are usually within the seasonal variation of 10-25°C noted in surveys near Savannah, Charleston, and Wilmington (US EPA, 1982), although temperatures have been noted which exceed those extremes. For example, Mathews and Pashuk (1971, 1982) noted surface temperatures from 11-22°C in nearshore South

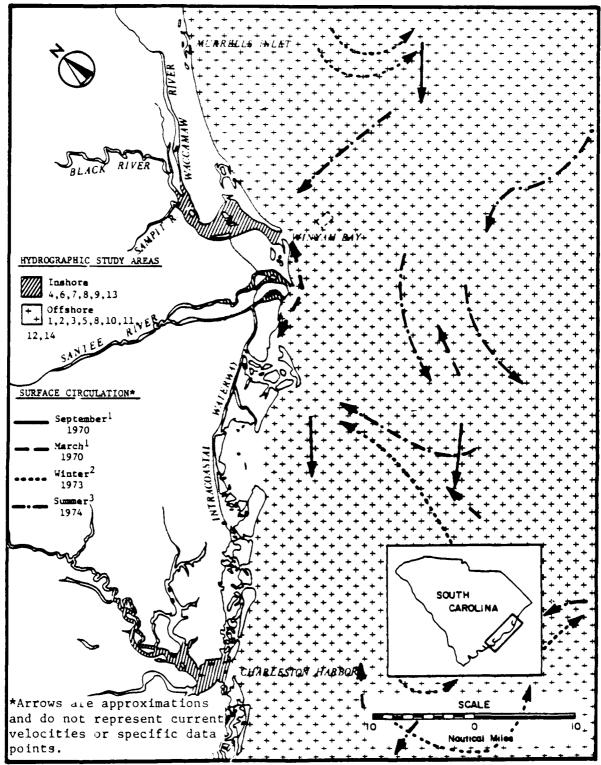


Figure 1. Location of hydrographic study areas and surface circulation patterns: <sup>1</sup>Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 1981; <sup>2</sup>Mathews and Pashuk, 1977; <sup>3</sup>Mathews and Pashuk, 1982; <sup>4</sup>Allen, et al., 1982; <sup>5</sup>Churgin and Halminski, 1974; <sup>6</sup>Hinde, et al., 1981; <sup>7</sup>Johnson, 1970; <sup>8</sup>Jones, Edmunds and Assoc., 1979a, 1979b, 1979c; <sup>9</sup>Mathews et al., 1981; <sup>10</sup>Minerals Management Service (MMS), 1982; <sup>11</sup>Science Applications Inc. (SAI), 1981a, 1981b; <sup>12</sup>SAI, 1983a, 1983b; <sup>13</sup>Shealy, 1974; <sup>14</sup>South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Dept., 1979.

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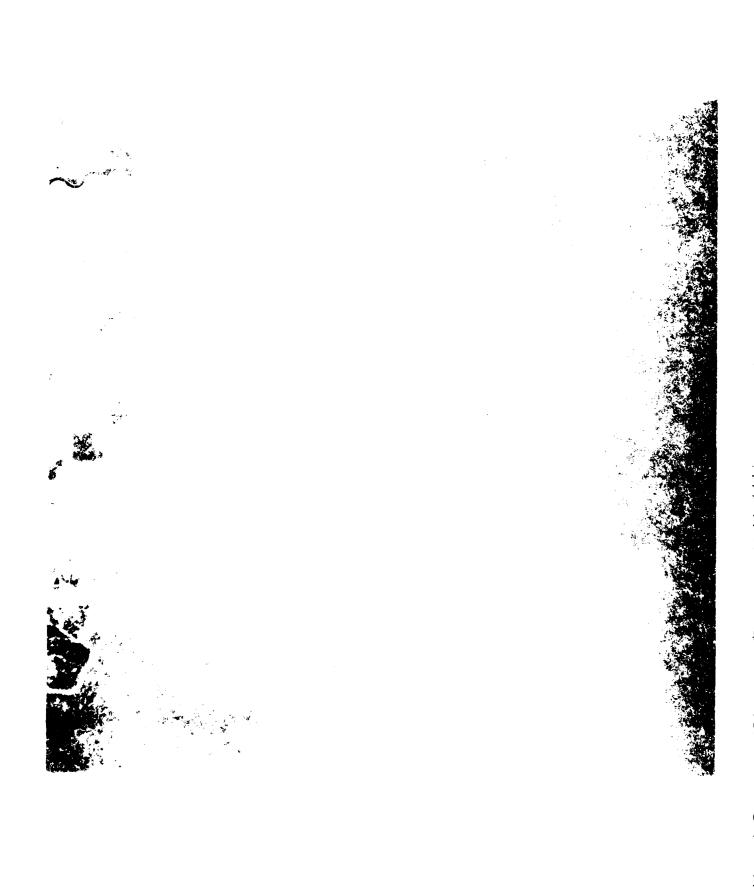
Sediments in the nearshore area around Winvah Bay have not been well studied, but shelf sediments in this region appear to be primarily represented by medium- to coarse-grained sands (Pilkey et al., 1979; MMS, 1983). A summary of sediment-logical conditions on the shelf off South Carolina is proviled in Figure 3. In the entrance channel of Winvah Bay, Hinde et al. (1981) obtained limited information on sediments at three stations just outside the jetties. Two of the stations sampled in that study (CWO1 and CWO2) were mostly medium to coarse sands (5,90%) and the third station (CWO3) was mostly silty clays.

With respect to sediment transport. Mathews et al. (1980) indicated that the north jetty of the Winvah Bay entrance channel traps the southerly littoral drift of sediments, resulting in deposition at the southern end of North Island. They also indicated that the original Winyah Bay ebb-tidal delta has largely been destroyed since completion of the south jetty. Stapor (1978) noted that between 1925 and 1964 South Island experienced a net deposition rate of  $70,000 \text{ m}^3/\text{vr.}$  from onshore movement of sand under the influence of waves and tidal currents. If similar deposition patterns are occurring presently, it is possible that sediments disposed in the DMDS would move shoreward towards South Island. Additionally, some disposal sediments could also move back into the bay channels due to very strong tidal currents. Because of the shallow bottom depths in the Georgetown DMDS (% 6-11 m) and the proximity of this area to the entrance channel, wave action and tidal currents should be the primary factors influencing sediment distribution. Detailed bathymetric surveys in the area show no clear evidence of sediment mounding as a result of past disposal activities (see Figure 4 for a plot of an April 1983 survey).

#### Chemistry and Pollutants

Dissolved oxygen in nearshore and offshore waters off South Carolina were recorded over a 50-year period by Churgin and Halminski (1974). Values ranged from  $3.8-6.1 \, \mathrm{ml/1}$ , with highest average concentrations observed during the winter and lowest average concentrations observed in the summer. Near Winyah Bay, the dissolved oxygen in surface coastal waters ranged from  $(4.0 \, \mathrm{ml/1})$  to  $0.5 \, \mathrm{ml/1}$  during 1973-1974 with similar seasonal trends in concentrations (Mathews and Pashuk, 1977, 1982).

Nutrient input to the Georgetown DMDS area may be strongly influenced by waters from Winyah Bay. Although no seasonal data could be found for waters at the Bay entrance, Allen et al. (1982) called the bay entrance of nitrate and nitrite domentations. Higher values were been ested in late fall, sinter, and spring lowest values were noted in summer. Allen et al. (1962) also measured by the rese



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For trawl biomass estimates, a Model I two-way analysis of variance without replication was used to determine whether the mean log-transformed biomass of beam trawl collections differed significantly between seasons (winter, summer) and among areas (disposal, control, and "down current"). Due to non-normality and heterogeneous variances, a logarithmic [log10 (x+1)] transformation was used on each variate prior to calculation of means and analysis of variance.

infaunal community structure based on grab collections was evaluated using several indices of species diversity and cluster analysis. Species diversity was calculated on the pooled samples collected during each station visit using Shannon's diversity index (H'), species richness (SR), and evenness (J') (Margalef, 1958; Pielou, 1975). Total number of species and faunal abundance were also evaluated. Normal and inverse cluster analyses were conducted on logtransformed abundance estimates from pooled (by station) grab samples using the Bray-Curtis similarity coefficient (Boesch, 1977). As with the trawl cluster analyses, a flexible sorting strategy with a standard cluster intensity coefficient (B) of -0.25 was used in both the normal and inverse analysis. Species which occurred in fewer than 7% of the 130 grab samples were deleted from the data set since rare species usually do not have easily defined distribution patterns and can confuse interpretation of cluster analysis. In all cases, species deleted because of rare occurrence were also rare in abundance. In order to accurately compare winter and summer data, bryozoans were also deleted prior to cluster analysis, since they were not enumerated during winter. Following normal and inverse analyses, a nodal analysis was performed using fixed station groups (DMDS, control, "down current", by season) and the inverse species groups to obtain estimates of fidelity and constancy as defined above.

#### BIOACCURULATION ASSESSMENT

Specimens of the knobbed whelk, <u>Busycon parioa</u>, were collected in the DMDS, control and "lown partent" areas for bioassay analysis. This mollusk was the only relatively sedentary organism which was present in all three sampling areas ind was large enough to obtain sufficient biomass for inalysis. The species is also commercially harvested in South Carolina. All B. carical specimens were collected from beam trawl samples taken in the three areas. After collection, specimens were preserved and inalyzed according to the procedures outlined by Pequegnat, et al. 1981). All chemical contaminants, except oil and grease, which were inalyzed in water samples were analyzed in the tissue samples.

## **Results and Discussion**

HYDROGRAPHY

Water column chemistry in the study area can be influenced by runoff, nearshore and Gulf Stream current patterns, suspended sediments, eolian transport and other factors. As a result, the water chemistry may vary considerably on a temporal basis. Runoff from Winvah Bay and the Santee Rivers decreases salinities, increases turbidities and deposits fine sediments offshore. Normal runoff from these systems can be very high, with flows from the combined river systems being > 15,000 cfs (U.S. Geological Survey, 1979). In addition, a longshore drift to the southwest is usually present during summer months, while a northeasterly flow exists during winter months (Mathews and Pashuk, 1984). Therefore, depending on season and environmental conditions, waters from Winyah Bay may move either to the north or south along the coast as well as spread out towards deeper waters.

#### Oceanographic Parameters

Values recorded for the oceanographic parameters measured in this study generally agree with historic readings, although some of the salinities recorded during the winter cruise were particularly low. In that season, surface salinities were as low as 21.9  $^{\circ}/_{\circ}$ 00 at station DC03 and < 30  $^{\circ}/_{\circ}$ 00 at DC02, DS03 and DS13 (Table 2). These low salinities were the result of runoff from a massive rainstorm which preceded the winter sampling cruise. Summer salinities were generally higher than values observed during winter. Except for the station in Winyah Bay (CHO1) which had salinities < 15 °/oo from surface to bottom, only one station (CS13) had surface water < 30 0/00. During a two-year study in Winyah Bay, salinities at a station 2 miles upstream from the mouth averaged < 15  $^{\circ}/_{\circ}$ o and ranged from < 2 0/00 to > 30 0/00 (Mathews and Shealy, 1982). Nearshore surface salinities off Winyah Bay are typically > 30 °/oo (Mathews and Pashuk, 1977, 1982, 1984).

Dissolved oxygen (DO) and water temperatures were also within normal ranges and DO was inversely related to temperature (Table 2). Both summer and winter DO concentrations were representative of the seasons sampled, with higher values (> 10 mg/1) being found in cold waters (< 9.0°C) and lower values (< 6 mg/1) found in warmer waters (> 26.5°C). Water temperatures were slightly cooler than usual for summer and winter, but not abnormally so (Mathews and Pashuk, 1984).

For all stations, turbidities were  $\leq 8.0$  FTU in surface samples and  $\leq 13.0$  FTU in mid-water samples (Table 2). Highest values were normally encountered in bottom waters, where

to provide a cumulative frequency curve from which the statistical parameters were calculated according to Folk (1965).

A pipette analysis was performed on those samples which contained an appreciable amount of fine-grained material. These samples were dispersed by adding 100 ml of IN sodium metaphosphate [(NaPO3)x Na2O)] as a dispersing agent and agitated using an ultrasonic dismembrator for 15 minutes. After complete deflocculation was achieved, the samples were wet-sieved through a #230-mesh stainless steel screen to separate the sand from the silt and clay. The silt and clay fraction was then transferred to a 1000-ml graduated cylinder and the sample was pipetted using the withdrawal times and depths as as outlined by Folk (1965). The percentages of sand, silt and clay were also recorded for these samples and plotted on a standard sedimenttype triangular diagram.

Subsamples of sediment cores were also collected for analysis of the following parameters: Total organic carbon (TOC), chemical oxygen demand (COD), Kjeldahl nitrogen, nitrite nitrogen as NO2, nitrate nitrogen as NO3, oil and grease, lead, zinc, mercury, soluble phosphorus as PO4, total phosphorus as PO4, iron, cadmium, arsenic, chromium, nickel, copper, PCBs (as Arochlor 1254), Heptachlor, DDT and metabolites, Endrin, Pieldrin, BHC, Mirex, Methoxychlor, Chlordane, Toxaphene and high-molecular-weight hydrocarbons. All samples were preserved, processed and chemically analyzed using the procedures described by Pequegnat et al. (1981) and outlined for hydrographic analyses, except that metals were measured in two ways: after total extraction (bulk chemical analysis) and after partial extraction with 0.1N HCl. A second set of samples was collected from three stations (CSO9, DSO8, DC02) and preserved in the same manner for delivery to the Charleston District Corps of Engineers.

Sediment samples were not collected during the winter season. However, qualitative observations were made for each grab sample collected for benthos.

During summer, additional sedimentological studies included diver observations of the bottom. Unfortunately, very strong currents and extremely poor visibility drastically reduced the effectiveness of this effort and detailed results are not presented.

#### BENTHIC COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

Macrofauna were sampled during both seasons at all randomly selected sites in the DMDS and control areas, as well as at the three "down current" stations. Prior to water chemistry or grab sampling during the winter, qualitative epifaunal samples were obtained at each of the 13 stations using a beam trawl similar to that described by Pequegnat et al. (1981). One tow was made in a north-south direction through

each station, with all tow lengths standardized to 0.5 km based on Loran-C positioning. Similar beam trawls were made at the same 13 sites in summer, but only after sediment, grab and water chemistry sampling was completed in order to avoid disturbance of the bottom. Organisms obtained in each tow were preserved in 10% seawater-formaldehyde for later identification. Biomass estimates were also obtained for each sample.

Quantitative benthic samples of macrofauna were collected using a Smith-McIntyre grab while the research vessel was anchored on station. Five replicate samples were collected at each of the 13 stations (in addition to the separate sediment samples) both seasons. After measuring the volume of each grab sample, the collected material was washed through a 1-mm sieve. Organisms and sediment remaining on the sieve after washing were removed and preserved in 10% seawater-formaldehyde with rose bengal stain. Samples were then brought to the laboratory and organisms were sorted, identified to the lowest taxonomic level, and counted.

For qualitative collections by beam trawl, diversity was evaluated by comparing the number of species (s) among stations. The Kruskal-Wallis one-way analysis by ranks (Siegel, 1956) was used to determine whether median s differed significantly among the three areas sampled: disposal, control and down current. A significant difference in s between winter and summer was evaluated by the Mann-Whitney U-test (Sokal and Rohlf, 1982).

Qualitative data on the presence or absence of species collected with the beam trawl were analyzed by cluster analysis to determine patterns of similarity among stations and species. Only species which occurred in two or more trawl collections were included in this analysis.

Species and collections were classified using a flexible sorting strategy (Lance and Williams, 1967) with a cluster intensity coefficient (B) of -0.25. The Jaccard similarity coefficient (Clifford and Stephenson, 1975) was used with presence/absence data obtained from beam trawl collections.

Normal and inverse classifications were produced for combined seasonal data. The result of normal classification was a dendrogram in which collections were clustered based on their degree of similarity in terms of species presence. Inverse classification produced a dendrogram in which species were clustered based on their degree of similarity in terms of presence in collections (Williams and Lambert, 1961).

Subsequent to cluster analysis, species and station groups were chosen using a variable stopping rule (Boesch, 1977). Nodal analysis was then used to express the degree of species/site group coincidence in terms of ecological constancy and fidelity. Constancy expresses

Table 1. Geographic positions of sites sampled during the winter and summer, 1983.

SITE	STATION	SEASON	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	DS03	winter, summer	33° 10.72'N	79° 7.23'W
	DS06	winter, summer	33° 10.72'N	79° 6.80'W
Ţ	DS08	summer	33° 10.97'N	79° 6.37'W
DISPOSAL	DSO9	winter	33° 10.72'N	79° 6.37'W
DIS	DS10	summer	33° 11.22'N	79° 5.92'W
	DS11	winter	33° 10.97'N	79° 5.92'W
	DS13	winter, summer	33° 11.22'N	79° 5.48'W
	CS02	winter, summer	33° 12.17'N	79° 7.05'W
	CS04	winter	33° 12.42'N	79° 6.62'W
,	CS05	summer	33° 12.17'N	79° 6.62'W
CONTROL	CS09	winter, summer	33° 11.92'N	79° 6.17'W
co	CS10	winter	33° 12.42'N	79° 5.73'W
	CS11	summer	33° 12.17'N	79° 5.73'W
	CS13	winter, summer	33° 12.42'N	79° 5.30'W
E→	DC01	winter, summer	33° 10.28'N	79° 6.92'W
DOWN CURRENT	DC02	winter, summer	33° 9.53'N	79° 7.47'W
CU	DC03	winter, summer	39° 10.28'N	79° 7.88'W
NEL	CH01	summer	33° 13.20'N	79° 11.35'W
CHANNEL	СН02	summer	33° 11.57'N	79° 8.0'W

station was located between the DMDS and onshore resources. Goordinates for these stations, collectively referred to as "down current" stations (Figure 3), are listed in Table 1. Two additional stations were located in the entrance channel, one near the outer limit of the south jetty and one tarther up the channel near the deorgetown lighthouse (Figure 3). These channel stations were only sampled during the summer season.

#### HYDROGRAPHIC ASSESSMENT

Temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen and turbidity measurements were obtained at surface, midwater and bottom depth intervals using Van Dorn bottles. A standard thermometer was used for temperature measurements and Yellow Springs Instrument SC,-DO meters and probes (Model 33 SCT, Model 51 DO) were used to measure salimity and dissolved oxygen. The accuracy of these instruments was verified prior to sampling by separate measurements of a surface water sample taken at each site using a backup set of instruments. Turbidity samples were brought to the laboratory for measurement on a Hach Model 2100A turbidimeter. All water parameters were measured during winter and summer periods at nine stations: two in the DMDS area (most landward and most seaward stations), two in the control area (most landward and most seaward stations), the three "down current" stations, and the two channel stations (summer only).

During the summer sampling period, additional water samples were collected at four stations (CSO9, DSO8, DCO2 and CHO2) for analyses of oil and grease, lead, zinc, mercury, cadmium, arsenic, chromium, nickel, copper, PCBs (as Arochlor 1254), Heptachlor, DDT and metabolites, Endrin, Dieldrin, BHC, Mirex, Methoxychlor, Chlordane, Toxaphene and highmolecular-weight hydrocarbons. These samples were collected from bottom waters using a nonmetallic, acrylic, Van-Dorn type water bottle with silicon-coated end caps. The samples were collected, processed and analyzed in the laboratory using methods described by Pequegnat et al. (1981). In the case of trace metals, the alternative procedures described in Federal Registers (Vol. 44, No. 223, p. 69568; Vol. 44, No. 244, p. 75028; 1979) were used. Nutrients were measured using a Bausch and Lomb Model 70 spectrophotometer. Pesticides and hydrocarbons were measured using a Hewlett-Packard gas thromatograph, and oil and grease was measured by freon extraction. All metals were analyzed either on a Perkin-Elmer Model 306 or Model 460 atomic absorption spectrophotometer, with the Model 306 being used for all flame analyses plus the mercury flameless analysis, and the Model 460 being used for graphite furnace (flameless) analyses.

Current measurements were obtained at the 13 stations outside the channel during both seasons. An Endeco Model 110 current meter was used to obtain surface and bottom estimates of current speed and direction. All measurements were obtained while the research vessel was anchored on station. Surface measurements were obtained at approximately 3-m lepth to insure that the instrument was at least 1 m below the vessel's keel. Bottom measurements were obtained approximately 1 m above the bottom. Intermediate current measurements were not taken due to the shallow water depths at the stations.

General meteorological and related observations were noted during every station visit. Observations included estimates of wind direction and speed, barometric pressure, cloud cover, precipitation, wave height and wave direction.

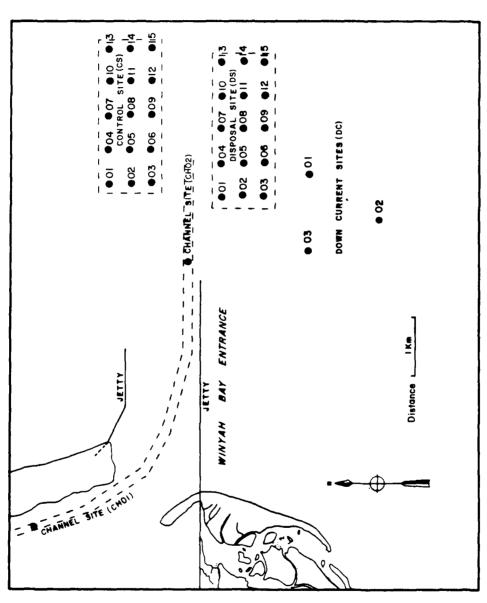
#### SEDIMENTOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

Bottom sediments were collected at all 15 stations during the summer season using a Smith-McIntyre grab. This grab is designed to take an intact sample of offshore sandy sediments with minimal washout. Sediments were removed from the center of the first undisturbed grab sample collected at each site using methods described by Pequegnat et al. (1981).

Sediment subsamples for granulometric annilyses were allowed to air dry and then the aggregated using a rubber-tipped pestle and split into two representative portions. One half of each sample was used for mineralogical analysis and the other for textural analysis. Those samples which contained significant quantities (more than a few percent) of material finer than 4 \$\phi\$ (0.0625 mm) were analyzed by both coarse sieving and pipette techniques.

A mineralogical analysis was performed on each of the samples to determine the percent weight of quartz and calcium carbonate (shells). Acid leaching using dilute (10%) HCl was utilized to determine the calcium carbonate content of the samples. Those samples which contained a high percentage of clay (making them very compact) were placed in distilled water and disaggregated using an ultrasonic dismembrator. After sample disaggregation was achieved, 200 ml of dilute HCl was added to dissolve the carbonate constituents. Upon complete leaching, the weight of the dried filtrate was determined and the percentage of acid-soluble calcium carbonate was calculated for each of the samples.

A grain size analysis of the bottom sediments was performed to determine the mean grain size, sorting, skewness and kurtosis for the samples. Grain size determinations were made using a Ro-tap mechanical shaker and 1/2 pinterval screens. The weight of the sediment retained on each screen (sieve fraction) was recorded. The weight percent and cumulative weight percent for each of the size classes were determined. These data were then plotted



Map showing location of the 15 possible sampling locations in the control and DMDS sites, as well as the location of "down current" and channel sampling locations. Figure 8.

since there are no piers or rects nearby (Figure 2). Recreational fishing around the entrance channel etties to Winyah Bay may be affected temporarily by increased water turbidity.

## Natural and Artituda, week

The approximate locations of artificial reefs in the study region are identified in Figure 5. The "Georgetown Wreck" is the reef nearest the DMDS and is located approximately 5 miles to the northeast (Myatt, 1978). The only other reefs near the DMDS are the "Hector and "City of Richmond" wreeks located approximately 4 miles to the south-southeast. It is unlikely that these reer's would be negatively influenced by disposal operations in the Georgetown DMDS, due to their distance from this site. Natural hard bottom reefs are not known to occur in the area around Winvah Bay; rather, most natural reefs are located further offshore (Henry and Giles, 1979; Miller and Richards, 1980; SCWMRD, 1982), or farther to the north (Parker et al., 1979). Bank", a shoal located approximately one mile to the southwest of the DMDS, may be a shell bank supporting sessile reef biota: however, no studies have been done on this bank.

#### Endangered Species

Habitat locations for endangered species in the study area are summarized in Figure 6. The two most important species that might be affected by offshore disposal operations are the shortnose sturgeon (Acipenser brevirostrum) and the loggerhead turtle (Caretta caretta). Shortnose sturgeon have been collected around the jetties in winter (Smith, T.I.J., pers. commr.), but this species spends most of its life in freshwater (Leland, 1968). The incidence of loggerhead turtle nesting is moderate on North Island and high on South Island (Davis et al., 1980). In South Carolina, adult females come ashore to nest from mid-May to mid-August, and many appear to use the waters around the DMDS during their movements (Hopkins and Murphy, 1981). The influence of disposal activities on turtle movements are not known, but effects would probably be limited to localized interruption of ensuore migration rather than any firect impact on beach nesting areas.

#### Other Resources

The location of marine historical features, preserves, wildlife centers, recreational beaches and ports are shown in Figures b and 7. The only nearby historical feature, other than the shipwrecks mentioned previously, is the "Sir Robert Peel" wreck located just inshore of the DMDS. No historical features are known to be located within the DMDS. Although there are numerous preserves and wildlife centers along the coast, offshore disposal of sand sediments in the Georgetown DMDS is not expected to have

any significant impact on the wildlife in those areas. Furthermore, disposal is not anticipated to adversely affect the nearest recreational beaches, which are located approximately 15 miles to the north of Winvah Bay. Finally, shipping to the port of Georgetown would not be impeded since the disposal area is located outside of the shipping channels.

### Methods

LOCATION OF STUDY AREAS

The general location of stations sampled in this study is shown in Figure 8. Stations located in the Georgetown DMDS were within the boundaries defined by a rectangle having the following corner coordinates:

- (1) 33°11'18"N 79°07'20"W
- (2) 33°11'18"N 79°05'23"W
- (3) 33°10'38"N 79°07'21"W
- (4) 33°10'38"N 79°05'24"W

The control sites selected for study were also located within a rectangular area situated just north of the entrance channel to Georgetown Harbor. Water depths in this area were similar to the DMDS and the control area was approximately the same distance from shore. Coordinates of the corners of the control area were:

- (1) 33°12'30"N 79°07'09"W
- (2) 33°12'30"N 79°05'12"W
- (3) 33°11'50"N 79°07'09"W
- (4) 33°11'50"N 79°05'12"W

Within both the DMDS and the control sites, 15 points were located so that there were three rows of 5 equally spaced points (Figure 8). The four corner points in each area were located approximately 150 m inside the site boundaries. The east-west separation of points was approximately 680 m and the north-south separation of points was approximately 460 m. Five points from each of the above areas (DMDS, control) were randomly selected during winter (February 1983) and summer (July 1983) sampling periods using a stratified random selection technique; i.e., one point was randomly selected from each of the 5 columns of 3 points. This sampling design insured adequate sampling of each area for a complete representation of the bottom. The random sampling design also permitted appropriate statistical analyses. Stations selected for sampling during each season are listed in Table 1. All stations were located using Loran-C poisitiong with a Loran plotter system.

Based on the guidelines of Pequegnat et al. (1981) and on limited current data, two stations were located in the general direction of predominant nearshore currents, and a third

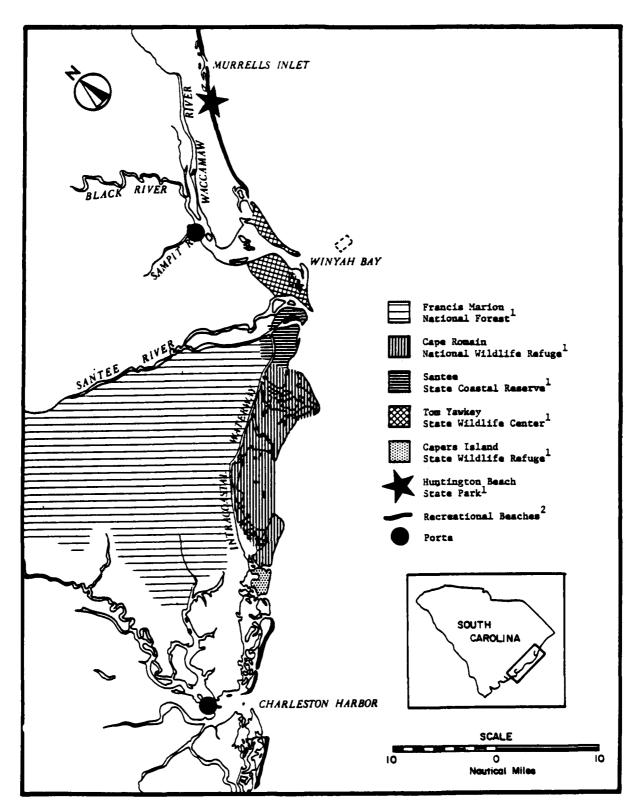


Figure 7. Location of preserves, wildlife centers, beaches and ports:  $^{1}\mathrm{Davis},$  et al., 1980;  $^{2}\mathrm{BLM},$  1981.

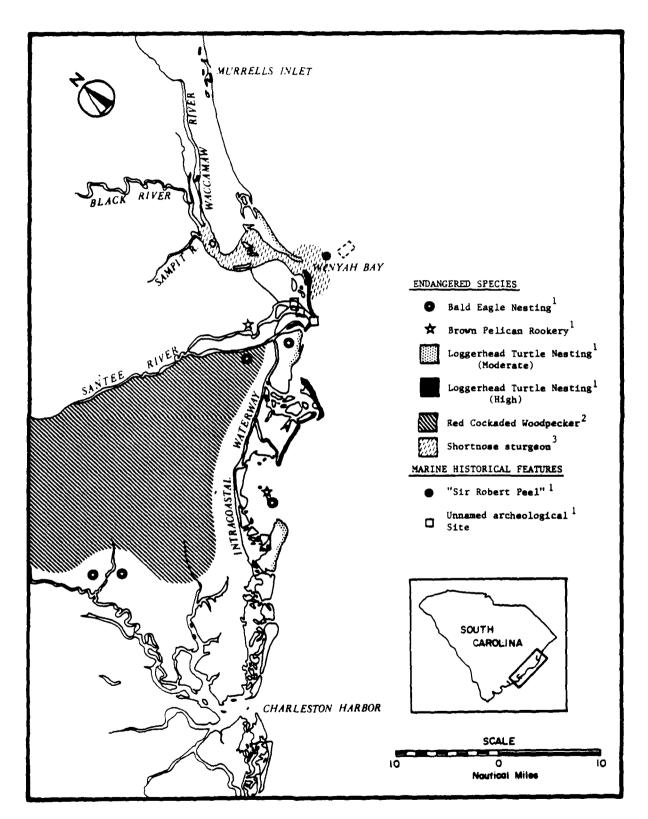


Figure 6. Location of endangered species and marine historical features: 1Davis, et al., 1980; 2BLM, 1981; 3SCWMRD, unpublished.

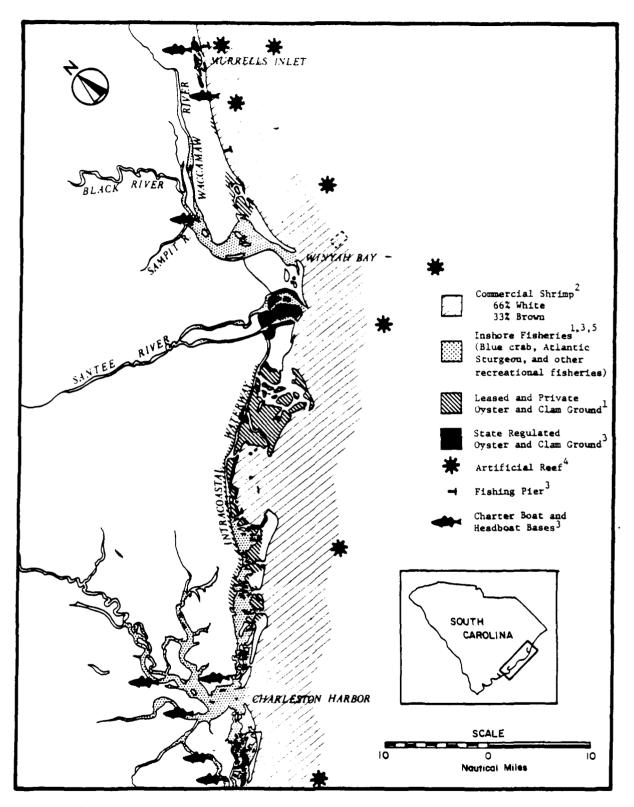


Figure 5. Location of commercial and recreational fisheries resources: <sup>1</sup>Davis, et al., 1980; <sup>2</sup>BLM, 1981; <sup>3</sup>Moore, 1980; <sup>4</sup>Myatt, 1978; <sup>5</sup>Smith, 1983.

(<u>Ictalurus catus</u>), Atlantic croaker (<u>Micropogonias undulatus</u>), hog choker (<u>Trinectes maculatus</u>) and tonguefish (<u>Symphurus plagiusa</u>). Hinde et al. (1981) also collected these species and numerous others.

Biological data collected from the above studies generally support the information presented by the US EPA (1982) for the South Atlantic Bight. However, exceptions are noted with respect to infaunal assemblages (see Results and Discussion).

LOCATION IN RELATION TO LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES

#### Fisheries and Shellfish Grounds

Commercially and recreationally important species found in the estuarine and coastal marine areas around Winyah Bay include shrimp (Penaeus setiferus, P. aztecus), blue crabs (Callinectes sapidus), oysters (Crassostrea virginica), clams (Mercenaria mercenaria), Atlantic sturgeon (Acipenser oxyrhynchus) and other finfish species such as black sea bass (Centropristis striata), porgy (Pagrus pagrus, Calamus leucosteus), grouper (Mycteroperca microlepis, M. phenax), red snapper (Lutjanus campechanus), mackerel (Scomberomorus cavalla) and many others. The general location of these fisheries is summarized in Figure 5.

Commercial shrimping occurs primarily within 3 miles of shore; however, around the entrance to Winyah Bay shrimpers often work further offshore (3-5 mi.). In South Carolina, shrimping occurs from May through December with peak catches in September and October. Incidental catches from the shrimp fishery are also economically important and include many finfish species (Keiser, 1977). Shrimp populations in the area around the disposal site might decline during periods of disposal due to the associated increased turbidity; however, the effects of offshore disposal of dredged materials on shrimp populations have not been adequately studied.

The mollusk fisheries are also seasonal, beginning in September and ending in May. In Georgetown County, clam landings were of much greater economic value than oyster landings during 1982 (SCWMRD, unpubl. data). Clam harvesting in the Santee estuary increased considerably after the introduction of hydraulic harvesting in 1974 (McKenzie et al., 1980). The scheduled rediversion of waters from the Cooper River estuary, however, is expected to largely destroy shellfish grounds in the Santee estuary. Disposal of offshore channel sediments in the Georgetown DMDS

will probably not have much effect on the inshore shellfish grounds, since they are not close to the DMDS (Figure 5).

The amount of blue crabs caught in Georgetown County was greater during spring, summer and fall months than during winter, with greatest catches during March of 1982 (SCWMRD, unpubl. data). As noted for clam and oyster beds, it is unlikely that the blue crab fishery in the Winyah Bay and Santee River estuaries will be influenced by offshore disposal of sand sediments.

Commercial finfish landings in Georgetown County totaled more than two million pounds (SCWMRD, unpubl. data). As noted earlier, many of the fishes landed include black sea bass, grouper, snapper, porgy and other reef fishes. These fishes are associated primarily with offshore hard bottom reef habitats, which have not been found near the Georgetown DMDS.

Winyah Bay is the location of the biggest Atlantic sturgeon fishery in the Sea Islands coastal region (McKenzie et al., 1980) and almost 50,000 lbs. of sturgeon were landed in Georgetown County during 1982 (SCWMRD, unpubl. data). These fish are generally caught with nets set in the ocean near the jetties. Due to the proximity of this fishery to the Georgetown DMDS, there is the possibility of negative effects if disposal activities take place when sturgeon are abundant near the DMDS. Although specific effects of disposal operations on sturgeon populations have not been documented, Morton (1977) noted mortality and displacement of other fishes resulting from increasedturbidity. Leland (1968) indicates that sturgeon gather at the inlets during February and March and then move up the inlets as temperatures rise. The fishing season around the jetties begins 15 February and ends 15 April, although sturgeon are still in the area after that date (Smith et al., 1982; SCWMRD, unpubl. data). Most sturgeon landings in Georgetown County occurred from February to June during 1982, with peak landings occurring during March and April. Negative impacts on the sturgeon fishery could be minimized if disposal operations are avoided during the period from mid-February through May.

Recreational finfish catches are primarily from head-boat charters to offshore reefs, fishing on private boats for reef fish and large pelagic species, and pier fishing. Most recreational finfish catches would not be influenced by disposal activities in the Georgetown DMDS

levels and noted highest concentrations in summer and early fall and lowest concentrations in winter.

Jones, Edmunds and Associates, Inc. (1979c) measured concentrations of nutrients, trace metals, and organic pollutants in waters from the Georgetown DMDS, as well as from four stations in the entrance channel. They did not detect any pesticides or PCBs in their samples, nor did they observe high concentrations of nutrients or trace metals among the samples tested. However, the did measure cadmium concentration in DMDS waters which was 22 times the limiting permissible concentration.

Bed sediments in Winyah Bay were analyzed for trace metals and pesticides by Johnson (1970). He concluded that Winyah Bay is relatively unpolluted by pesticides, although he found some trace metals. Sediments in the Georgetown DMDS have not been analyzed for pesticides or trace metals prior to the present study, but Van Dolah et al. (1983) noted only low concentrations of metals and nutrients in sediments collected from the Charleston DMDS.

#### Biology

Phytoplankton and zooplankton communities have not been well studied in the nearshore coastal waters of South Carolina. The limited data available for these planktonic groups is best summarized by Sandifer et al. (1980). In Winyah Bay, Allen et al. (1982) examined chlorophyll concentrations and noted highest values in summer months (July - Sept.). Just north of Winyah Bay, Lonsdale and Coull (1977) examined the seasonal composition of zooplankton communities in North Inlet. They noted that copepods dominated the community (64-69% of total density) with the most abundant species being Parvocalanus crassirostris, Acartia tonsa, Jithona colcarva, and Euterpina acutifrons. The US EPA (1982) also notes that inshore waters are dominated by copepods.

The potential effects of offshore disposal on plankton communities around the Georgetown DMDS cannot be easily defined, but it is likely that increased turbidities from disposal operations would have some localized impacts. Of most concern are the nauplii of certain species of shrimp (Penaeus setiferus, P. aztecus) and larval ichthvotauna. Short-term disposal of sand sediments should not have an enduring impact on these taxa, but longer-term disposal or disposal of silts and clavs might be more severe in their effects.

Benthic communities are probably the best biological indicators of disposal impacts because most infaunal species comprising those communities are relatively sedentary. Benthic communities inhabiting sand bottom areas of shallow coastal waters have been examined in the Charleston DMDS (US EPA, 1982; Van Dolah et al., 1983) and at Murrells Inlet (Knott et al., 1983a, 1983b). Limited samples were also collected in the entrance channel to Winvah Bay just outside the

jettles (Hinde et al., 1981). kelativel: diverse infaunal assemblages were noted in all areas, with polychaetes generally dominating the communities. Abundant infaunal species in the Charleston DMDS area included the cephalochordate Branchiostoma caribaeum; the sipunculid Aspidosiphon spinalis; the polychaetes Spiophanes bombyx, Goniadides carolinae, Sriepettiboneae, Sephtys picta and Prienospio cristata; the lunulitiform bryezoan lupuladria doma; the amphipod Rhepoxynius epistomus; and nematodes (Van Dolah et al., 1983). At Murrells Inlet, the abundant subtidal infauna were the polychaetes S. bombyx, Scolelepis squamata and Podarke obscura; the amphipods Protohaustorius deichmannae, Acanthohaustorius millsi, and Platvischnopidae; the bivalves Tellina sp., Crassinella martinicensis and Donax variabilis; and nematodes (Knott et al., 1983b). In the entrance channel to Georgetown Harbor, the bivalves Mulinia lateralis and Crassinella lunulata and the polychaetes P. cristata and Paraprionospio pinnata were most abundant (Hinde et al., 1981).

Sessile benthic invertebrates commonly found in the Charleston DMDS included the hydroid Clytia cylindrica; the bryozoans Membranipora tenuis, Microporella ciliata and Parasmittina nitida; and the barnacle Balanus venustus. Most of the these sessile species were attached to large shells, and other firm substrata. The bivalve Chama macerophylla and the sand dollar Mellita quinquiesperforata were also prevalent in this DMDS, with M. quinquiesperforata being most common in finer sediments (Van Dolah et al., 1983).

In the entrance channel to Georgetown Harbor, sand dollars (M. quinquiesperforata) were the most abundant large invertebrates collected by dredge, whereas shrimp (Penaeus setiferus, P. aztecus) and blue crabs (Callinectes sapidus) were the most abundant invertebrates caught by trawl (Hinde et al., 1981). Wenner et al. (1981) also found these decapod crustaceans to be numerically dominant in their study of Winyah Bay.

No long-term effects of disposal on benthic communities have been detected in the Charleston DMDS, primarily due to the similarity of dredged material to the existing sediments in the disposal area (Van Dolah et al., 1983). Data on benthic communities present in the Georgetown DMDS were lacking prior to the present study.

Demersal fish communities associated with sand bottom habitat in South Carolina coastal waters have been examined by Wenner and Barans (1980). Dominant species in the 9-18 m depth zone included southern porgy (Stenotomus aculeatus), sea cat (Arius felis), sand perch (Diplectrum formosum), lizard fish (Synodus foetens) and spot (Leiostomus xanthurus). Abundant fishes caught in the Winyah Bav estuarine system by Wenner et al. (1981) and Allen et al. (1982) included Atlantic menhaden (Brevoortia tyrannus), silver perch (Bairdiella chrysura), bay anchovy (Anchoa micchilli), star drum (Stellifer lanceolatus), weakfish (Cymoscion regalis), spot (L. xanthurus), white datiish

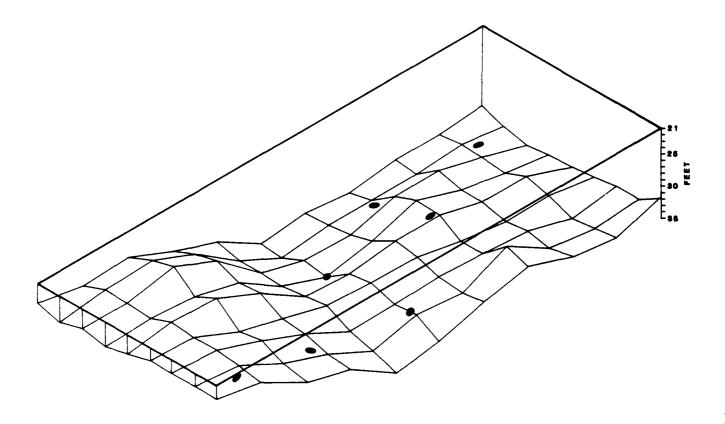


Figure 4. Three-dimensional plot of bottom survey data collected in the Georgetown DMDS by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, April 1983. Rectangular boundaries represent the DMDS boundaries and dots represent the stations sampled during winter and summer in the present study. The vertical scale is greatly exaggerated relative to the horizontal scale.

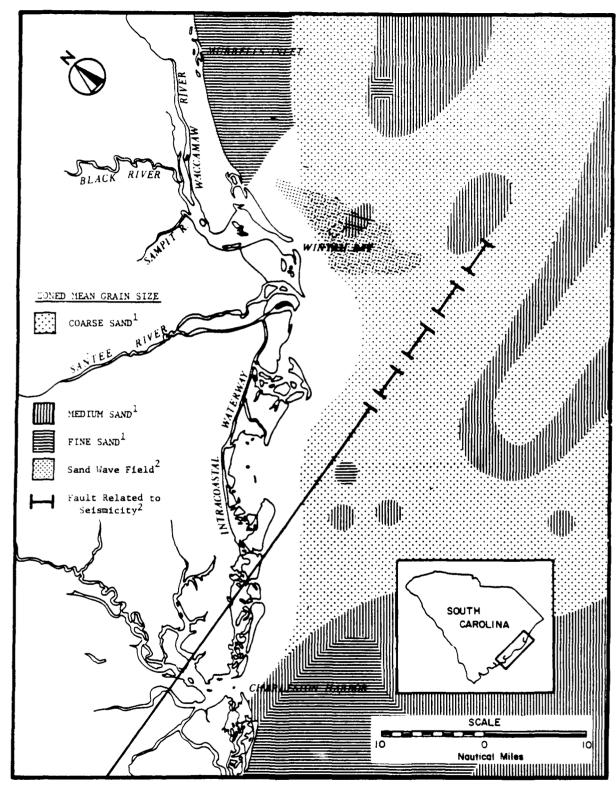


Figure 3. Areal distribution of mean grain size:  $^1$ Pilkey et al., 1979;  $^2$ MMS,  $^1983$ .

greatest trubidity would be expected due to suspended sediments. In these bottom samples, turbidities in winter would have been influenced by the high runoff from Winyah Bay, which produced a maximum of 42.9 FTV at station DS03. The highest bottom turbidities in summer (up to 28.0 FTV) may have resulted from the activity of shrimp trawlers in the area during the summer sampling cruise.

Turbidities at the mouths of other South Carolina estuaries have greatly exceeded the maximum value recorded during this study. Mathews and Shealy (1982) and Mathews et al. (1981) reported maxima of 155 FTU at the mouth of Charleston Harbor, 91 FTU at the mouth of the South Santee River, and 84 FTU at the mouth of the North Santee River. Our winter and summer maxima were much lower (42.0 and 28.0 FTU, respectively) and, hence, well within the extremes noted it other nearby sites.

#### Currents

Measurements obtained at the 13 offshore stations indicate that water movement in the DMDS, control and "down current" areas is strongly influenced by tidal currents (Figures 9-10). Surrent velocities ranged from 0.1-0.9 knots during winter and 0.1-1.1 knots during summer sampling periods (Appendix 1). Surface and bottom currents generally flowed in a southerly or south-easterly direction during ebb tides. This suggests that water leaving Winyah Bay is diverted by nearshore currents which generally run in a southerly direction along the coast (Mathews and Pashuk, 1977). Current directions measured near slack-tide periods were more variable and often differed between surface and bottom waters. Generally, flood-tide currents were first detected near the bottom and ebb-tide currents were first observed in surface waters (Appendix 1). During flood tides, the general current direction was towards the north, or towards the Winvah Bay entrance channel. Thus. tidal currents appear to have a stronger influence on waters in the vicinity of the DMDS than nearshore currents. However, the limited current measurements collected during this study were only intended to supplement other hydrographic data and these measurements probably do not adequately define current regimes in the study area.

#### Chemistry and Pollutants

Trace metals were generally low in concentration, with many being below the detection limits, e.g. nickel, copper, lead and mercury (Appendix 2 and Table 3). The values reported in this study are generally much lower than values noted by Jones, Edmunds and Associates (JEA) (1979c.) in their study of the Georgetown Harbor channel, but were more similar to the Interstate Electronics Corp. (IEC) results (US EFA, 1982) obtained for the Charleston DMDS (Table 4). Specifically, our cadmium concentrations were higher than the IEC Charleston values (maxima of 7.1 µg/l and 0.493 µg/l, respectively), but much lower than the JEA Georgetown results (up to 150 µg/l). Nickel and lead concentrations measured in the

present study were below the detection limit for each metal, whereas concentrations noted by JEA were as high as 760 Lg/l for nickel and 1600 Lg/l for lead. Zinc concentrations (minus estimates measured in the control blank sample) were lower than the concentrations noted by JEA, but arsenic concentrations were all higher than those measured by JEA, i.e., 32.4-92.8 Lg/l versus < 10.0-30.0 Lg/l (Table 4).

A study in Corpus Christi Bay by Holmes et al. (1974) found a seasonal variation in cadmium and zinc concentrations, but their overall results for estimates obtained in winter correlate well with this study. Summer values obtained by Holmes et al. (1974) were much higher due to stagnation within the bay, a condition clearly not present in our study area. Windom (1972) reported copper, lead, cadmium, zinc and mercury concentrations in the Savannah River before, during, and after dredging operations. He noted values of < 1 to 56  $\mu g/1$  for copper, < 2.0 to 9.8  $\mu g/1$ for lead,  $0.05-0.49 \, \mu g/1$  for cadmium, 11-32 $\mu g/1$  for zinc, and 0.15-0.21  $\mu g/1$  for mercury. Our values were comparable, although we noted higher cadmium concentrations and lower lead concentrations (Table 4).

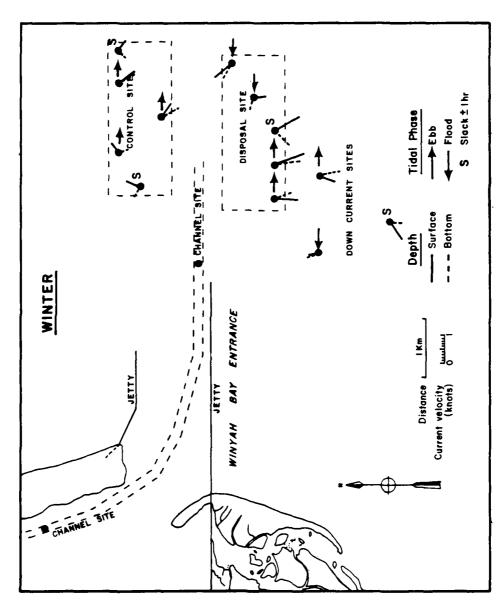
The various PCBs and pesticides listed in Table 4 were below the 50 ppb detection limits listed by Pequegnat et al. (1981) and, hence, they are assumed to be trace amounts. The oil and grease determination however, was positive but not particularly high. Our values ranged from 3.0-4.0 mg/l as compared to the JEA (1979c) range of 20-29 mg/l.

#### BOTTOM SEDIMENTS

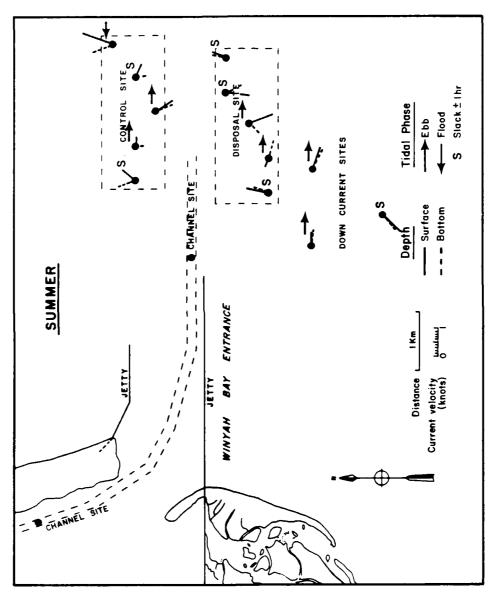
#### Granulometric Analyses

Bottom sediments at stations sampled in the DMDS consisted of moderately to poorly sorted quartz sand having an average mean grain size of 0.710 (Table 5, Figure 11). The silt and clav content of the five samples collected from this area was less than 1%(Table 6, Figure 12), suggesting that finergrained sediments are winnowed out as a result of wave and current activity. Bottom sediments in this region are apparently not below the wave base, thus inhibiting deposition and allowing for removal of finegrained sediments. The coarse sandy bottom present in the disposal area suggests that any fine-grained sediments previously disposed in the DMDS have been largely dispersed from the study area.

The concentration of calcium carbonate (shell material) varied from 4.66 - 14.97% in the disposal area (Table 7, Figure 13). Station DSO3 had the highest concentration of calcium carbonate (14.97%) as a result of the abundance of both whole and fragmented shell material. Some of the shell material present may be from "East Bank" (a large



Current velocities and directions for the 13 stations sampled during the winter in and near the Georgetown Harbor DMDS. 9. Figure



Current velocities and directions for the 13 stations sampled during the summer in and near the Georgetown Harbor DMDS. Figure 10.

Table 3. Maximum concentrations of various substances measured in sediment, water, and tissue samples collected from the vicinity of the Georgetown DMDS.

PARAMETER	SEDIMENT	WATER	TISSUE
Oil and grease	CH02 687 mg/kg	DS,DC 4.0 mg/1	. ND
Nitrate as $NO_3$	CS13 533.33 mg/kg	NA	ND
Nitrite as NO <sub>2</sub>	CH01 106.28 mg/kg	NA	ND
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	DC01 994 mg/kg	NA	ND
Soluble Phosphorus as PO <sub>4</sub>	DS03 1.72 mg/kg	NA	ND
Total Phosphorus as PO <sub>4</sub>	DC01 53.13 mg/kg	NA	ND
Total Organic Carbon	DC01 0.810% mg/g	NA	ND
Cadmium	ND	CS05 7.1 mg/1	ND
Arsenic	CS13 1.47 μg/g	CS05 92.8 mg/1	DS 2.34 mg/g
Chromium	ND	CS05 5.3 mg/1	ND
Nickel	ND	ND	ND
Copper	DC03 4.02 μg/g	ND	DS 9.65 mg/g
Iron	DC03 15,473 μg/g	ND	ND
Lead	ND	ND	ND
Mercury	DS08 0.61 µg/g	ND	ND
Zinc	CH02 41.04 μg/g	CH01 265 mg/1	DS 53.61 mg/g
Pesticides	ND	ND	ND
Total resolved Hydrocarbons	CS02 8.95 μg/g	CH01 416.63 mg/	1 ND

ND - Not Detectable

NA - Not Analyzable

Comparisons of hydrographic chemical analyses for Georgetown and Charleston Harbor areas.

Table 4.

		GEORGETO	OWN DMDS			
	CHANNEL CH01	CONTROL CS05	DISPOSAL DSO8	DOWN CURRENT DC02	IEC * CHARLESTON ODMDS	JEA ** GEORGETOWN HARBOR CHANNEL
PCBs Aroclor 1254 ug/l	Ñ	QN	Ð.	ΩN	ĆΝ	< 1.0
BHC ug/1	ND	QN	ND	MD	ND	< 0.5
lindane ug/l	QN	QN	ΩN	б	ND	NA
heptachlor µg/l	QN	QN	ďΝ	MD	M	< 0.5
00E µg/1	QN	ND	QN	ΩN	QN	< 0.5
DDD µg/1	QN	QN	ND	QN	МD	< 0.2
DDT µg/1	QN	QN	QN	QN	ND	< 0.2
chlordane ug/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	< 0.5
dieldrin µg/l	ΩN	QN	ND	M	МD	< 0.1
endrin µg/l	QN	QN	Œ	М	M	< 0.2
mirex ug/l	QN	ND	ND	MD	MD	< 0.3
methoxychlor µg/l	QN	QN	ON	CN	ND	< 1.0
toxaphene µg/l	ND	QN	UN	ND	ND	< 5.0
Oil and Grease µg/l	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	NA	20 - 29
Cadmium µg/l	0.8	7.1	1.6	3.4	0.040 - 0.493	110 - 150
Arsenic µg/l	78.6	92.8	41.4	32.4	NA	< 10.0 - 30.0
Chromium µg/l	1.4	5.3	4.7	2.1	NA	< 300
Nickel ug/l	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	NA	009 - 760
Copper ug/l	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	NA	< 100
Lead µg/l	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	0.032 - 3.20	1100 - 1600
Mercury µg/l	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.03 ~ 0.076	< 0.2
21nc µg/1	265	150	172	172	NA	140 - 240

<sup>\*</sup> IEC Interstate Electronics Corp. (IEC), US EPA (1982) \*\* JEA Jones Edmunds and Associates. (1979c) NA - Not Analyzed ND - Not Detected; Detection Limit is 50 ppb.

Table 5. Statistical analysis of the grain size distribution for sediments from the Georgetown DMDS and vicinity. Data presented in  $\emptyset$  units.

			STANDARD		
STATIONS	MEAN	MEDIAN	DEVIATION	SKEWNESS	KURTOS 15
DS03	0.16	0.90	1.41	-0.56	0.83
DS06	0.91	1.10	0.83	-0.32	1.24
DS08	0.86	1.15	1.05	-0.45	0.94
DS10	0.80	1.10	0.78	-0.50	0.75
DS13	0.84	1.08	0.79	-0.39	1.04
CS02	0.83	1.15	0.83	-0.52	1.20
CS05	0.78	1.15	0.85	-0.58	1.34
CS09	0.60	0.70	1.00	-0.15	1.06
CS11	1.13	0.45	2.52	+0.48	2.12
CS13	0.83	1.08	0.95	-0.36	0.85
DC01	1.89	2.00	0.65	-0.39	1.27
DCO2	1.03	1.20	0.85	-0.42	1.81
DC03	4.59	4.60	2.56	+0.05	0.83
CH01	1.58	1.50	0.83	-0.05	1.09
CHO2	3.73	3.10	1.88	+0.53	1.02

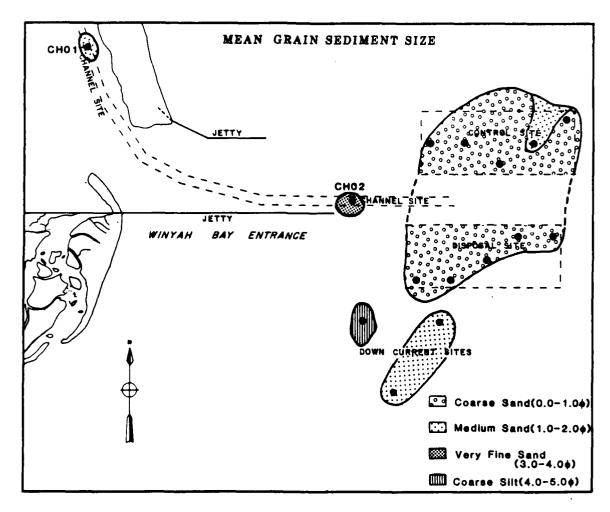


Figure 11. Distribution of mean grain size of sediments collected from the Georgetown DMDS and vicinity.

Table 6. Percentages of sand, silt and clay in sediments from the Georgetown DMDS and vicinity. Estimates represent percent by weight.

STATIONS	SAND	SILT - CLAY
DS03	99.74	0.26
DS06	99.96	0.04
DS08	99.33	0.67
DS10	100	trace
DS13	100	trace
CS02	99.40	0.60
CS05	99.98	0.02
CS09	99.46	0.54
CS11	83.66	6.42 9.92
CS13	99.85	0.15
DC01	99.11	0.89
DC02	99.88	0.12
DC03	37.89	27.39 34.72
CH01	99.94	0.06
CHO2	54.72	20.09 25.19

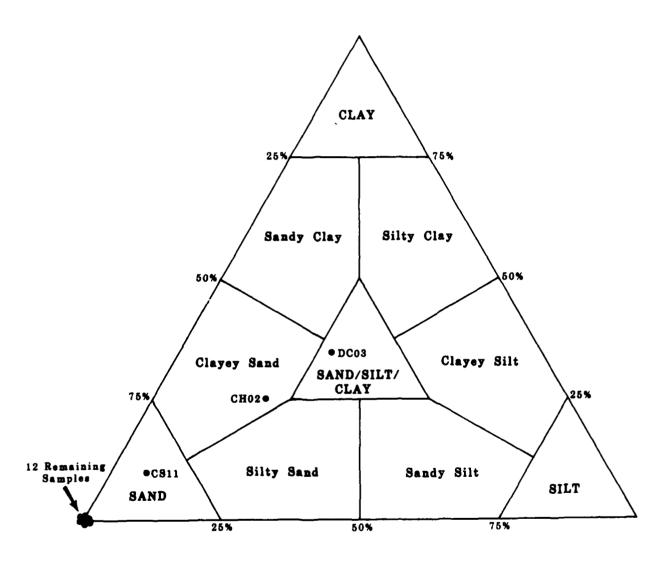


Figure 12. Shepard's classification of sediment types at stations in the Georgetown DMDS and vicinity.

Table 7. Calcium carbonate content of sediments from the Georgetown DMDS and vicinity. Estimates represent percent by weight.

	CaCO3	QUARTZ
STATIONS	(Shell)	(Non-carbonates)
DS03	14.97	85.03
DS06	6.18	93.82
DS 08	8.39	91.61
DS10	5.26	94.74
DS13	4.66	95.34
CS02	6.00	94.00
CS05	7.33	92.67
CS09	10.88	89.12
CS11	10.65	89.35
CS13	10.09	89.91
DC01	9.65	90.35
DC02	6.33	93.67
DC03	27.69	72.31
CH01	3.46	96.54
CH02	16.38	83.62

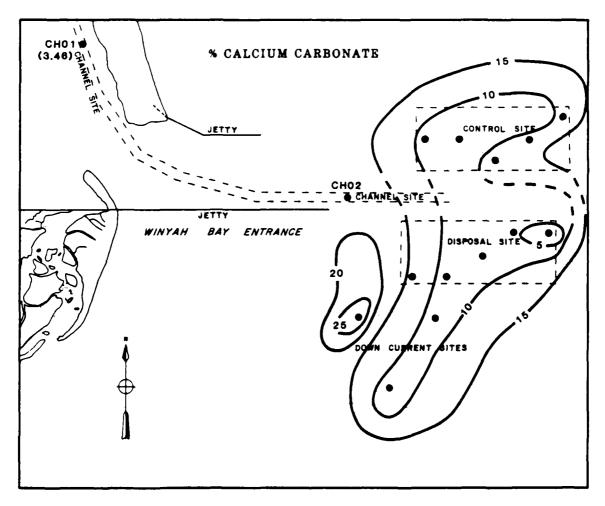


Figure 13. Distribution of percent calcium carbonate content of sediments collected from the Georgetown DMDS and vicinity.

shell bank) located to the west of the DMDS.

Like those at DMDS sites, bottom sediments at control sites consisted primarily of moderately to poorly sorted clean coarse sand having an average mean grain size of 0.830 (Table 5, Figure 11). All of the control site stations, with the exception of station CSII, contained less than 1% by weight of silt and clay (Table 6, Figure 12). Sediments at CSII consisted of medium sand containing 6.42% silt and 9.92% clay. The average mean grain size of these bottom samples was not significantly different from that of the disposal area (P  $\geq 0.05$ , ANOVA). Values obtained for the concentration of calcium carbonate (shell material) are, however, slightly higher in the control area (Table 7, Figure 13).

Bottom sediments collected at the "down current" sites differed from sediments found in the DMDS and control areas. Medium quartz sand was present at DCO1 and DCO2 (Figure 11), and DCO3 consisted mostly of a calcareous coarse silt (Tables 5-7, Figures 11-13). The accumulation of this fine-grained shell hash (27.19% CaCO<sub>3</sub>) may result from wave abrasion of shell material present on "East Bank". All three samples collected from the "down current" sites were consistently finergrained than those samples examined from either the control or disposal sites (Table 5), although differences were not statistically significant (P > 0.05, ANOVA). The decrease in grain size suggests a southerly current dispersal pattern for the sediments in the area.

The two samples collected from the entrance channel leading into Georgetown Harbor differed from sediments collected at most of the offshore stations. Station CHO2, located near the seaward extension of the jetties, consisted of poorly sorted clayey sand (Tables 5-7). The high concentration of silt and clay (45.28%) suggests that the channel acts as a settling basin for the deposition of silt and clay. This sample also contained a high concentration (16.38%) of calcium carbonate (Table 7). Station CHO1, located further up the bay, consisted of moderately sorted, clean medium sand. Both of these samples suggest that the sediment currently being deposited within the channel is finer-grained than the sediment found within the control or disposal sites located offshore.

Bottom sediments observed by divers showed evidence of wave disturbance at some stations but not at others. Divers also observed wave influence of sediments at stations in the Charleston DMDS which were even deeper than those sampled in the Georgetown DMDS (SCWMRD, 1979). Thus, it is probable that wave disturbance is an important factor influencing bottom sediments in the Georgetown DMDS.

## Chemistry and Pollutants

Although contaminant concentrations were quite low for most of the water samples collected in this study, they were much higher in the sediments. The higher concentrations measured, however, are not abnormal. The usual sources of

contamination in sediments are the same as those for water pollution, i.e. runoff from urban areas, eolian transport, various industrial sources and occasional spills. Depending upon current regimes, flushing rates, and mixing processes, contaminant loads. in the sediments can be insignificant or relatively high. As noted previously, dispersal of suspended sediments near Winyah Bay should be rather widespread, thus precluding the buildup of contaminants in a small geographic area.

Maximum trace metal concentrations measured in this study are presented in Table 3 and Appendix 3. The extreme concentrations are listed in Table 8 for each site and are compared with previous studies in the Charleston DMDS (US EPA, 1982, SCWMRD, 1979). Utilizing the total digestion procedures, our concentration ranges exceeded values noted in the Charleston DMDS for iron, nickel and zinc (Table 8). Highest concentrations of these metals occurred at the channel station CHO2. The high iron concentrations may be due to long-term industrial discharges. All trace metal concentrations measured in our study were within (or lower than) the extremes noted by Chen et al. (1976).

Windom (1973) found mercury in marsh sediments along the Savannah River up to 4 µg/g, considerably higher than our maximum of 0.61 μg/g. In addition, Holmes et al. (1974) reported zinc concentrations in Corpus Christi Bay sediments from  $6-235 \, \mu g/g$  and cadmium from  $0.1-1.9 \mu g/g$ . In each case, the maximum concentrations noted far exceeded our maxima, i.e. 235  $\mu g/g$  versus 41.04  $\mu g/g$  and 1.9  $\mu g/g$ versus < 0.1 μg/g. In a 1971 study at Winyah Bay, Johnson (1972) observed sediment concentrations of 48-76 ug/g copper, 92 ug/g zinc, 3,800-4,800 µg/g iron, 8-12 µg/g arsenic, 4.0-16  $\mu$ g/g lead, 0.063-0.088  $\mu$ g/g mercury at a station 9-12 miles up river from the mouth. No detectable cadmium or chromium concentrations were noted in that study. Concentrations detected in our study using total digestion were higher for mercury, iron, and chromium; lower for lead, arsenic, copper, and zinc; and similar for cadmium (Appendix 3).

Utilizing data obtained by partial extraction with 0.1 N HCl, we found all metals except lead to be lower in concentration as compared to total digestion (Appendix 3). Partial extraction tends to remove the readilyleached metals from the sediments, which might be available for bioconcentration. Values we observed, based on partial extraction, were generally similar to the concentrations noted in Busycon carica tissue (Appendices 3 and 12). Copper and zinc concentrations, however, were higher in the B. carica tissue than in the sediments, and the concentration of lead in the sediments at CHO2 was higher than that noted in B. carica. Bothner et al. (1980) found zinc concentrations virtually identical to ours in sediments from an area southeast of Winyah Bay at mid- to outer-shelf depths.

Comparisons of geochemical analyses of sediments for Georgetown and Charleston Harbor areas.

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	< 0.5	<0.5 - 5.89	< 0.5	NA	< .5 - 7.3
	<0.1	< 0.1 - 1.02	<0.1 - 4.02	NA	8.0 - 27.0
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	0.11 - 0.38	0.08 - 0.61	0.21 - 0.55	0.001 - 0.005	.06 - 1.13
21nc ug/g 9.60 - 41.04 7.64 -	7.64 - 22.89	5.38 - 11.14	7.83 - 23.77	NA	6.0 - 28.0

<sup>\*</sup> Interstate Electronics Corp. (US EPA, 1982)

\*\* South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Dept. (1979)

NA - Not Analyzed

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Their partial leaching technique used as 5.0 N HNO<sub>3</sub> and, hence, resulted in higher concentrations for chromium and copper. Their findings indicated no accumulations of anthropogenic metals in sediments of the continental shelf off South carolina.

No PCBs or pesticides were detected (±50 g km) in the sediments at any of the stations (Table 5, Appendix 3). Concentrations of DDO, DDE and dieldrin have been reported as high as 4.1 μg/kg, 3.4 μg/kg, and 9.1 μg/kg, respectively in Winvah Bay sediments (Johnson, 1970). Our results at the mouth and offshore may have been somewhat higher than these, since our detection limit was 50 μg/kg. Chen et al. (1976) reported extremes for both PCBs and pesticides of 5-10 μg/kg. Without finer resolution, we can only conclude that our samples may have been within these limits.

Total organic carbon (TOC) measurements yielded values from 0.47 mg/g at CSO5 to 3.10 mg/g at DCO1. These extremes coincide with values reported for the Charleston DMDS (Table 3). Oil and grease determinations ranged from a low of the mg kg at CHO1, DSO3, and DSO6, to a high of m87 mg kg at CHO2. Our maximum at each site greatly exceeded the oil and grease concentrations reported for the Charleston DMDS (Table 3). Our DCC and oil and grease values, however, were relatively low compared to accentrations reported by Chem et al. (1976).

Sediment nutrient concentrations varied considerably between sampling sites (Appendix 3). The maximum nitrate concentrations (533.33 mg/kg) was recorded at 0805. Sediments in the disposal site zenerally had much lower concentrations of nitrate than the other sites (17.55-32.56 mg/kg). All sampling sites surveyed in this study had much nigher nitrate levels than stations sampled in the Charleston DMDS (Table 3). Sitrite was similarly variable with respect to location and much higher than reported in the Charleston DMDS (Table 3).

Total Rjeldahl nitrogen ranged from 20-994 mg/kg with great variability between the sampling sites (Table 4). The overall magnitude of concentrations, nowever, igneed with values reported for the clarification LMDS on 100 - 1000 mg/kg.

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taxa in beam trawl follections. These groups also accounted for the largest number of species in dredge collections from Winyah Bav (Hinde et al., 1981) and the ocean disposal area near Charleston Harbor (Van Dolah et al., 1983), although the order of their importance differed among the studies.

Decaped crustaceans dominated the three areas sampled during winter and summer in terms of percent contribution of species (Figure 14). Fish were also important at most sites, except for control stations sampled in winter, where bryozoans ranked second to decaped crustaceans in number of species. For all stations combined, bryozoans were more diverse in winter than summer, whereas the number of chidarian and fish species increased in summer.

Species which occurred in more than half of the 26 collections taken from the three areas sampled were the portunid crabs Ovalipes stephensoni and Portunus gibbesii; the hydroid Halecium sp.; the penaeid shrimp Trachypenaeus constrictus; the bryozoan Membranipora tenuis; and the sciaenid fish Leiostomus xanthurus. Only one of these species, M. tenuis, was also frequently encountered by Hinde et al. (1981) and Van Dolah et al. (1983) in faunal surveys of Winyah Bay and the Charleston DMDS, respectively. Seasonal comparisons of the most frequently encountered species in beam trawl collections indicated that only <u>0</u>. <u>stephensoni</u>, <u>P</u>. <u>gibbesii</u>, <u>T</u>. constrictus, and M. tenuis were widespread in both winter and summer (Table 9). In addition, more taxa were frequently encountered during summer collections than during winter, suggesting a seasonal change in the occurrence of certain taxa within the three areas sampled.

Seasonality also apparently had an effect on the number of species (s) occurring in the study areas. The median number of species collected in summer (120 total taxa) was significantly greater than in winter (88 total taxa) (P < 0.05). This pattern was consistent for each of the three areas sampled and, with only two exceptions (DS03, DC03) was also consistent for sites sampled during both winter and summer (Figure 15). The high number of species observed at DCO3 in winter was probably related to the presence of a large quantity of submerged wood, which provided suitable substrate for epifaunal colonization. Submerged substrates such as shell and wood occurred in varying quantities at several stations and no doubt contributed to much of the variation in number of species among stations (Figure 15).

No consistent trends and no statistically significant differences in median  $\underline{s}$  were found among the three sampling areas (P = 0.05). However, a comparison of total  $\underline{s}$  among these areas indicated that stations in the control site yielded the most (115) species, whereas "down current" and disposal stations yielded 86 and no species, respectively. This is noteworthy in view at the fact that equal

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The relative abundance of different major taxa followie: from the Georgetown DMDS was somewhat different than that reported by Man Dela, et al. (1987) for the Charleston DMDS. Off Charleston, holychaetes (370) were conspiniously more abundant than pelecypods (770), and separated relates (1971) and sipunculids (370) represented a considerable portion of the total number is reasonable.

In the Gerretewn of study area, we noted temporal and spatial variation in the dominant species (tot 1 in abundance) (Table 14). The rasor dim, Ensis directus, was the most abundant species at each site during the winter, with more than twice as many specimens collected than the next most abundant species. In summer samples, this dominance by . Fire tas was no longer apparent, and the conditions bryozoan vupuladri: top: was the most abundant species
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Many of the dominant species were widely distributed toroughout the study area (Table 14) and none were restricted to a particular site. The disposal and "down current" sites were numerically dominated by one or two species during each season. At the control site, however, there was a more even distribution of individuals among several species.

Two taxa common at the control site, the subitellid polychaete Mediomastus californiensis and nematodes, are deposit feeders, while suspension feeding animals were dominant at all other sites (Table 14). In fact, suspension feeders accounted for at least SIT of the total number of animals from the entire study area. The actual percentage may be greater than this, since only known suspension feeders that contributed more than .That the total number of organisms were considered.

In contrast to the suspension feeding community observed in the Teorgetown DMDS, the SeW-DMDS were than a torized as being primarily composed of small-bodied deposit feeders (often polychaetes and ristingual) (TS EPA, 1982). That study also moved that in the Tharleston

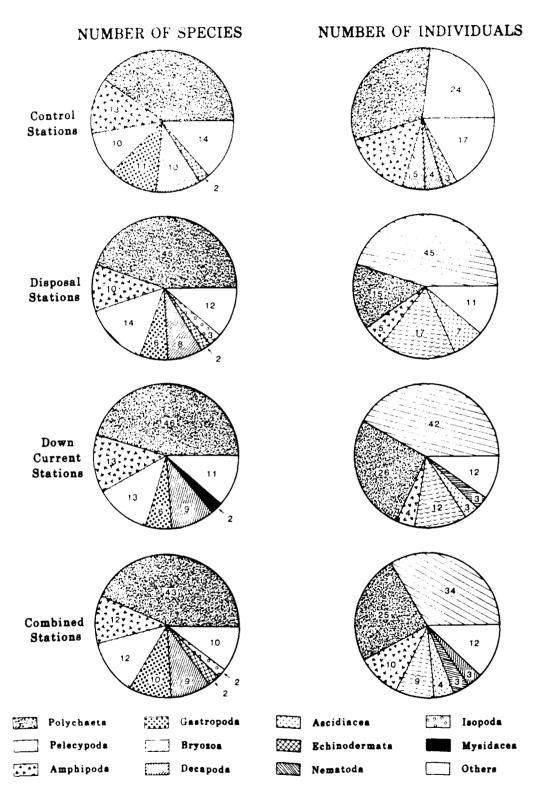
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To evaluate the officing it seasonality on numerical communities and areal distribution of important species, the bean density of each species which outtributed creater than 1% of the total number of individuals was plotted against station location and season (Figure 19). Actual values for each species are listed in Table 15. Appendix as 5-10 indicate a high degree of variability among replicates and stations within each site and season. Similar temporal and spatial variability is common among macrobenthic communities of the South Atlantic Bight (Frankenberg and Leiper, 1977; US EPA, 1981; Spett et al., 1963a).

Three species were conspicuous when compared to the others because they were considerably more abundant. Ensis directus, C. martinicensis, and C. doma were far more numerous than all other species (note the difference in scale of the top row of histograms, Figure 19). The most abundant species, E. directus, is a common shallowwater inhabitant along the entire Atlantic Coast (Theroux and Wigley, 1983). It was found in significantly greater numbers at all sites during the winter (P < 0.001, ANOVA), probably due to spawning activity during this season. Knott et al. (1983a) noted a single spawning of this species sometime between November and February. The reproductive cycle of E. directus should be considered in determining the optimal schedule of release of dredged material in this area since Harrison et al. (1964) reported that its larval dispersal and settlement helped to mitigate the effects of defaunation caused by dredging and spoil disposal in the lower Chesapeake Bay.

Mean densities of E. directus were not significantly different between sites (P > 0.05), nor were significant differences (P > 0.05) noted between sites in the mean densities of the second and third most abundant species, C. martinicensis and C. doma. These species however, both had higher densities in the disposal site than elsewhere (Figure 19). Both of these are typically free-living species found in coarse, shelly sand of shallow coastal waters (Harry, 1966; Winston, 1982). Cupuladria doma was also among the dominant species in the Charleston DMDS (Van Yolah et al., 1983).

Another species of drassinella (C. lunulata) was the fourth most abundant species overall.



Prigure 18. Percentage contribution of major taxa to the number of species and number of individuals in grab samples from control, disposal, and "down price to sites. The number of individuals noted for breezeans were to the number of colonies.

Table 13. Number of individuals representing each of the major macroinvertebrate taxa in grab samples from control, disposal, and "down current" sites. (\* = bryozoans were not enumerated in winter samples).

	CONTR STATI		DISPO STATI		DOWN CU STATI		COMBIN STATIO	
Taxa	Total Number	Rank	Total Number	Rank	Total Number	Rank	Total Number	Rank
Pelecypoda	2337	2	3197	1	893	1	6427	1
Polychaeta	3159	1	1031	3	550	2	4740	2
Amphipoda	1490	3	330	5	81	4	1901	3
Bryozoa*	204	11	1198	2	247	3	1649	4
Ascidiacea	255	8	498	4	54	6	817	5
Nematoda	498	4	88	9	67	5	653	6
Decapoda	421	5	109	7	50	7	580	7
Echinodermata	309	6	76	10	24	11	409	8
Sipunculida	245	9	151	5	10	13	406	9
Nemertinea	271	7	74	11	46	8	391	10
Oligochaeta	196	12	93	8	31	9	320	11
Gastropoda	239	10	27	14	16	12	282	12
Cumacea	113	13	26	15	2	17	141	13
Anthozoa	105	14	10	18	4	16	119	14
Isopoda	23	16	51	12	26	10	100	15
Mysidacea	43	15	47	13	7	14.5	97	16
Turbellaria	18	17	2	21	-	-	20	17
Tanaidacea	-	-	18	16	-	-	18	18
Cephalochordata	3	21	12	17	1	19	16	19
Hemichordsta	3	21	3	19	7	14.5	13	20
Ostracoda	7	18	2	21	1	19	10	21
Stomatopoda	5	19	1	23.5	-	-	6	22
Brachiop <b>od</b> a	3	21	2	21	-	-	5	23
Ech <b>iurida</b>	2	23.5	-	-	1	19	3	24
Pycnogonida	1	25.5	1	23.5	-	-	2	5.5
Scaphapoda	2	23.5	-	-	-	-	2	25.5
Phoronida	1	25.5	-	-	-	-	1	27
Total	9953		7047	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2128		19128	<del></del>

Table 12. Number of species representing each of the major macroinvertebrate taxa in grab samples from control, disposal, and "down current" sites. (\* indicates a taxon that was probably represented by more species than indicated due to uncertain or incomplete identifications).

	CONTROI STATIO		DISPOS STATIO		DOWN CURI		COMBINI	ED NS
Taxa	Number of Species	Rank	Number of Species	Rank	Number of Species	Rank	Number of Species	Ponle
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Polychaeta	116	1	94	1	58	1	152	1
Amphipoda	37	2	22	3	16	2.5	42	2.5
Pelecypoda	30	4	30	2	16	2.5	42	2.5
Gastropoda	31	3	12	5	7	5	36	4
Decapoda	29	5	16	4	12	4	33	5
Echinodermata	7	6	5	7	2	7	9	6
Isopoda	4	9.5	6	6	1	16	7	7
Mysidacea	5	7	4	8	3	t	5	8
Sipunculida*	4	8	3	9	1	16	4	9
Cumacea	4	9.5	1	20.5	1	16	4	10
Anthozoa*	3	11	2	11	1	95	3	11
Bryozoa	2	13	3	10	1	16	3	12
Hemichordata*	2	13	1	20.5	1	16	2	13
Scaphapoda	2	13	-	-	a	-	2	14
Nemertina*	1	17	1	14	1	9.5	1	15
Oligochaeta*	1	17	1	14	1	9.5	1	16
Turbellaria*	1	17	1	14	-	-	1	17
Nematoda*	1	17	1	14	1	9.5	1	18
Ostracoda*	1	17	1	14	1	16	1	19
Tanaidacea	-	-	1	20.5	-	-	1	20
Ascidiacea	1	23	1	20.5	1	16	1	21
Brachiopoda	1	23	1	20.5	-	-	1	22
Cephalochordata	1	23	1	20.5	1	16	1	23
Stomatopoda	1	23	1	20.5	~	-	1	24
Echiurida	1	23	-	-	1	16	1	25
ycnogonida	1	23	1	20.5	-	-	1	26
Phoronida	1	23	-	-	-	-	1	27
otal	288		210		127		357	

included the Atlantic croaker, Micropogonias undulatus; the grey trout, Cynoscion regalis; the banded drum, Larimus fasciatus; the cownose ray, Rhinoptera bonasus; the portunid crabs Callinectes similis and Arenaeus cribrarius; the brown shrimp, Penaeus aztecus aztecus; and the brown alga Sargassum natans.

Groups F and G contained species which were generally ubiquitous throughout the study area and, therefore, not faithful to any particular site group. Group F species were most consistently collected during summer at stations in groups 1 and 2. Two species, Prionotus carolinus and Calliactis tricolor, were collected only in summer. Species in Group G were those which were frequently collected at most stations during both seasons. The most frequently encountered species in the study (Ovalipes stephensoni, Portunus gibbesii, Halecium sp., and Trachypenaeus constrictus) occurred in this group. The only species in Gr up G which was temporaly restricted was Brevoortia tyrannus, the Atlantic menhaden, which occurred only in winter.

Groups H and I included infrequently collected species which were not very constant or faithful to any site group. In these groups, the sponge Tenaciella obliqua; the fishes Trinectes maculatus and Raja eglanteria; and the decapods Hexapanopeus angustifrons, Acetes americanus and Persephona mediterranea were collected only in summer, while the horseshoe crab, Limulus polyphemus, and the anemone Epizoanthus americanus were collected only in winter.

Species in groups J and K were highly faithful to stations comprising site groups l and 2, respectively; however, they were not consistently collected at those stations. These two groups constitute a summer assemblage of organisms in the study area, with all members except the flounder Ancylopsetta quadrocellata and the bryozoans Microporella ciliata and Tryptostega venusta occurring exclusively in summer collections.

In conclusion, the community structure of fishes and epifaunal invertebrates in the study area is influenced by seasonality. The number of species was significantly higher in summer. Furthermore, species assemblages differed noticeably between winter and summer, with several species occurring during only one season. Although the total number of species was lowest in the disposal area. comparisons of species composition between sites indicated that lower diversity resulted from fewer sessile organisms, mainly bryozoans and cnidarians. This suggests that less substrate was available for colonization by sessile organisms in the sampled portions of the disposal area. However, lesser amounts of substrate such as wood and shell in the DMDS are probably not related to past disposal activities.

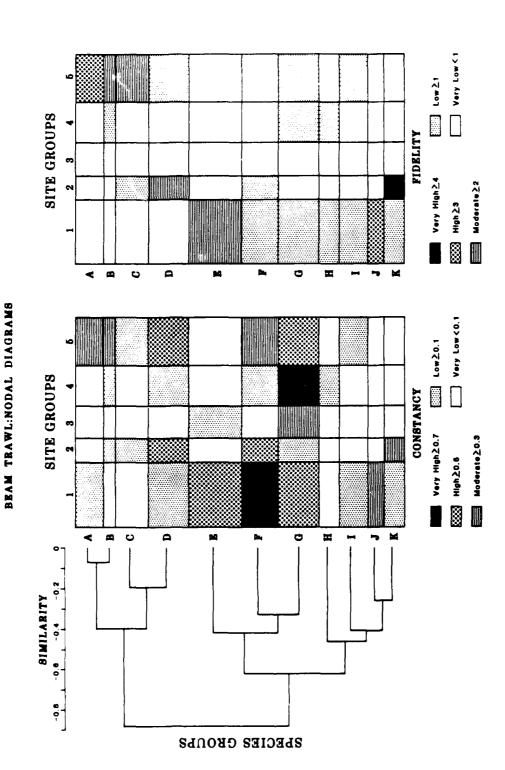
#### Grab Collections

Grab samples from control, disposal, and "down current" stations yielded more than 19,000 individuals representing at least 357 species of invertebrates (Tables 12, 13; Appendices 5-10). More species and individuals were collected from the control site than from disposal or "down current" stations (Tables 12 and 13). Collections from "down current" stations yielded considerably fewer species and individuals than control or disposal sites, but this reflects, in part, the reduced sampling effort in that area (three stations versus five at CS and DS areas).

The number of species collected during the present study was considerably higher than that collected for the Savannah, Charleston, and Wilmington DMDS study (SCW-DMDS; US EPA, 1982). In that relatively limited survey, only 28, 82 and 30 species were found in and adjacent to those disposal areas, respectively. However, a more intensive study of the Charleston DMDS (Van Dolah et al., 1983) reported the occurrence of 439 species. indicating that diversity in sand bottom habitats of South Carolina coastal waters may typically be much higher than previously reported. Knott et al. (1983b) also reported collecting a large number of species (205) in shallower water off the beaches near Murrells Inlet, South Carolina.

Overall, polychaetes were the most well represented group of the 27 higher taxa identified, with 152 species accounting for 43% of the total number of species (Table 12, Figure 18). Polychaetes also accounted for a similar proportion of the number of species within each of the sites sampled (control, disposal, and "down current"). Amphipods, pelecypods (42 species each), gastropods (36 species), and decapods (33 species) were the other diverse taxa and together with the polychaetes comprised about 85% of the total number of species. Only minor differences occurred between control, disposal and "down current" sites with respect to the proportional contribution of these major taxa (Figure 18). The relative importance of these taxonomic groups was also very similar to that observed in the Charleston DMDS, where polychaetes contributed 43% and the same five dominant taxa contributed 82% of the total number of species (Van Dolah et al., 1983).

In terms of numerical abundance, pelecypods were dominant when all stations were considered together (34%). Pelecypods were also the most abundant organisms at disposal and "down current" stations (Table 13, Figure 18). At control stations, however, pelecypods ranked second to polychaetes, and amphipods were relatively more important than at the other sites. Additionally, the relative abundance of lunulitiform bryozoan colonies noted at disposal and "down current" stations was not apparent within the control site. It should be noted that these bryozoans were sorted and identified



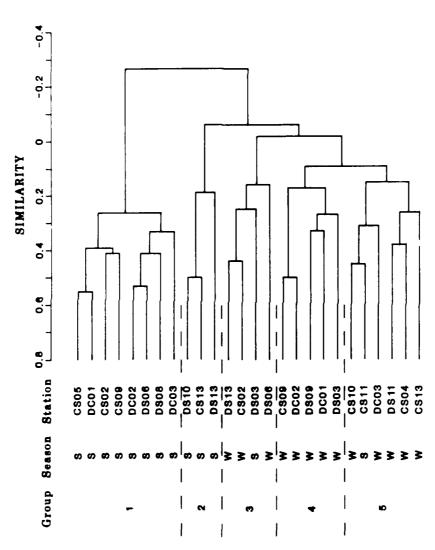
Inverse classification hierarchies and nodal diagram showing constancy and fidelity of station - species group coincidence based on beam trawl collections. Figure 17.

Table 11. Species groups resulting from numerical classification of data from samples collected by beam trawl. (Al = Algae; Ar = Arthropoda; Bry = Bryozoa; Ch = Chordata; Cn = Cnidaria; Ech = Echinodermata; Mo = Mollusca; Po = Porifera).

#### Group A Group F Pilumnus sayi (Ar) Mellita quinquesperforata (Ech) Telesto fruticulosa (Cn) Prionotus carolinus (Ch) Actiniaria A (Cn) Pagurus pollicaris (Ar) Asterias forbesii (Ech) Membranipora arborescens (Bry) Squilla empusa (Ar) Balanus venustus (Ar) Urophycis regius (Ch) Crepidula plana (Mo) Busycon carica (Mo) Calliactis tricolor (Cn) Crepidula fornicata (Mo) Leiostomus xanthurus (Ch) Group G Cancer irroratus (Ar) Neopanope sayi (Ar) Aplidium constellatum (Ch) Symphurus plagiusa (Ch) Ovalipes ocellatus (Ar) Group C Scophthalmus aquosus (Ch) Brevoortia tyrannus (Ch) Anchoa mitchilli (Ch) Hippoporina contracta (Bry) Ovalipes stephensoni (Ar) Hippaliosina rostrigera (Bry) Centropristis striata (Ch) Portunus gibbesii (Ar) Trachypenaeus constrictus (Ar) Lytechinus variegatus (Ech) Asteroidea A (Ech) Libinia emarginata (Ar) Arbacia punctulata (Ech) Halecium sp. (Cn) Astropecten duplicatus (Ech) Busycon canaliculata (Mo) Group H Group D Tenaciella obliqua (Po) Trinectes maculatus (Ch) Reptadeonella hastingsae (Bry) Parasmittina nitida (Bry) Portunus spinimanus (Ar) Ascidiacea A (Ch) Limulus polyphemus (Ar) Epizoanthus americanus (Cn) Membranipora tenuis (Bry) Astrangia astreiformis (Cn) Group I Etropus crossotus (Ch) Schizoporella errata (Bry) Hippoporina verrilli (Bry) Raja eglanteria (Ch) Hexapanopeus angustifrons (Ar) Chama macerophylla (Mo) Acetes americanus (Ar) Electra monostachys (Bry) Persephona mediterranea (Ar) Citharichthys macrops (Ch) Group E Callinectes sapidus (Ar) Porcellana sayana (Ar) Micropogonias undulatus (Ch) Arenaeus cribrarius (Ar) Group J Pagurus longicarpus (Ar) Cynoscion regalis (Ch) Lolliguncula brevis (Mo) Callinectes similis (Ar) Hepatus epheliticus (Ar) Larimus fasciatus (Ch) Hydractinia echinata (Cn) Penaeus setiferus (Ar) Menippe mercenaria (Ar) Penaeus aztecus iztecus (Ar) Stellifer lanceolatus (Ch) Group K Sclerodactyla briareus (Ech) Sargassum natans (A1) Microporella ciliata (Bry) Aplidium sp. (Ch) Polinices duplicatus (Mo) Rhinoptera bonasus (Ch) Ancylopsetta quadrocellata (Ch)

Trypostega venusta (Bry) Eupleura caudata (Mo)





Normal cluster dendrogram showing station groups formed using the Jaccard similarity coefficient and flexible sorting of beam trawl collections. Figure 16.

Table 10. Summary of biomass (kg) for organisms collected with the beam trawl.

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Control Stations	$\frac{\text{Winter}}{x} = 1.26$	$\frac{\text{Summer}}{x} = 2.87$	
	S <del>x</del> = 0.54	$S_{\overline{x}} = 0.51$	
	n = 5	n = 5	
Disposal Stations	$\overline{x} = 1.844$	$\overline{x} = 1.38$	
	$S_{\overline{x}} = 0.64$	$S_{\overline{x}} = 0.58$	
	n = 5	n = 5	
Down-Current Stations	$\overline{x} = 1.13$	$\overline{x} = 3.93$	
	$S_{\overline{x}} = 0.61$	$S_{\overline{X}} = 1.52$	
	n = 3	n = 3	

numbers of tows were made in the disposal and control areas, whereas the "down current" area  $\,$ was sampled less frequently. These data suggest that the diversity of invertebrates and fishes collected by trawl was lower in the disposal area. Van Dolah et al. (1983) also found fewer species in the disposal area near Charleston Harbor, but attributed the lower total number of invertebrate species there to the smaller number of stations sampled rather than to any disposal effects. Examination of species lists from the present study (Appendix 4) indicated that a greater number of bryozoans and chidarians were present in collections from control and 'down current" sites than in the DMDS. The increased number of these sessile taxa is probably related to the parchy occurrence of hard substrate, primarily shell and wood, suitable for colonization at those sites. There was no evidence of extensive hard bottom at any of the sites, and consequently, the total number of invertebrate taxa (126 species) was considerably lower than that reported for hard bottom areas farther offshore in the South Atlantic Bight (Wenner et al., 1983). Values of  $\underline{s}$ , however, were comparable to those reported by Hinde et al. (1981) and Van Dolah et al. (1983). On the other hand, the number of fishes collected (28 species) was much lower than previously reported for Winyah Bay (Wenner et al., 1981: Hinde et al., 1981; Allen et al., 1982) or the nearshore coastal region of the South Atlantic Bight (C. Wenner, pers. comm.). The low number of fish species in beam trawl collections probably resulted from their ability to avoid the sampling gear. The narrow mouth opening, slow-towing speed, and small area swept by the beam trawl makes it an inefficient method of collecting fish, many of which are found higher in the water column or can outswim this gear.

Comparisons of mean biomass between areas and seasons revealed no significant difference for either factor ( $F_{season}[1,2] = 2.205$ ,  $F_{area}[2,2] = 0.401$ ; P > 0.05) (Table 10). Based on 3-m mouth spread and a tow distance of 500 m, the area swept by the beam trawl was calculated to be 0.15 hectare/tow. Total biomass estimates (kg/ha) for the areas sampled during our study area were:

	winter	summer
Control Stations	8.4	19.1
Disposal Stations	12.3	9.2
"Down Current" Stations	7.5	26.2

Wenner et al. (1981) obtained lower values for biomass of decapod crustaceans and fishes in the Winyah Bay system. However, Hoese (1973) reported values of 10.7 kg/ha for fishes and 6.1 kg/ha for invertebrates in Doboy Sound, Georgia. In the nearshore and coastal habitat of the South Atlantic Bight, biomass estimates for fishes of 23 kg/ha have been obtained in winter and 12 kg/ha in summer

(C. Wenner, pers. comm.). Undoubtedly, higher estimates of total biomass would have been obtained if a sampling gear which was more effective in capturing fish had been used.

Normal cluster analysis of data resulting from beam trawl collections identified five distinct site groups based on similarity of faunal composition (Figure 16). There was no tendency for stations to be grouped according to area since all groups contained stations located both inside and outside the disposal area boundaries. However, stations were grouped by season indicating that species composition in the study area was different between winter and summer.

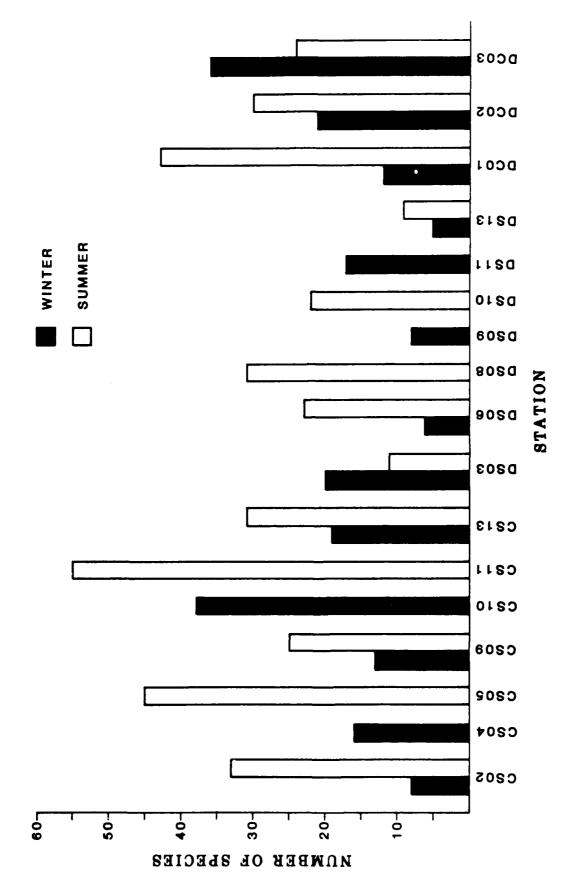
Inverse cluster analysis of the 81 species which occurred in two or more collections produced 11 groups (Table 11). Nodal diagrams were used to describe the distribution of species in terms of their relative constancy and fidelity to site groups (Figure 17). As indicated by nodal analysis, species in group A were highly restricted but only moderately constant at stations in site group 5, which were sampled primarily in winter (with the exception of CS11). Species in this group are common inhabitants of the nearshore coastal habitat, but are apparently restricted in their distribution. For example, Busycon carica, the species chosen for pollutant-uptake assessment, was collected at only two stations, CSO5 and DC03. The spotted hake, Urophycis regius, was limited in both its spatial and temporal distribution, being collected only at "down current" stations in winter (Appendix 4).

Group B included three species which were neither consistently collected nor restricted to stations in any site group. The rock crab, <u>Cancer irroratus</u>, which is a common inhabitant of coastal waters off the New England and Middle Atlantic states (Williams, 1965) was collected only during winter sampling.

Species in Group C were also neither very constant nor faithful to stations in any site group; however, every species in this group except <u>Busycon</u> canaliculata was collected exclusively in the control area. Two species in this group, the bryozoan <u>Hippaliosina</u> rostrigera and the starfish Asteroidea A, were collected only in summer.

Group D is comprised of species which were fairly ubiquitous throughout the study area but were consistently collected only at stations in groups 2 and 5. These species were also well represented in collections from both seasons, with <u>Chama macerophylla</u> being the only species which occurred solely in summer (Appendix 4).

Group E contained species which are common inhabitants of the nearshore coastal habitat in the South Atlantic Bight. These species were most consistently collected during summer at stations in group 1. Those species which were collected exclusively during summer



Stations which were sampled Number of species collected at each station by beam trawl. during only one season are represented by a single bar. Figure 15.

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Species ranked according to their frequency of occurrence (F) in > 502 of beam trawl collections. At = Arthropoda, Bry > Bryozoa, Ech = Echinodermata, Mo = Mollusca, Po = Porifera, Al = Algae). Table 9.

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CONTROL STATIONS	54	DISPOSAL STATIONS F		DOWN-CURRENT STATIONS	COMBINED STATIONS	, pr
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Halecium sp. (Cn)  Brevoortia tyrannus (Ch)  Ovalipes stephensoni (Ar)  Portunus gibbesii (Ar)  Paramittina nitida (Bry)  Paramittina nitida (Bry)  Trachypenaeus constrictus (Ar)  Pagurus pollicaris (Ar)  Libinia emarginata (Ar)  Asterias forbesii (Ech)	naaaaammmm	Ovalipes stephensoni (Ar) Portunus gibbesii (Ar) Brevoortia tyrannus (Ch) 3 Trachypenaeus constrictus (Ar) Halecium sp. (Cn)		Anchoa mitchilli (Ch) Anchoa mitchilli (Ch) Ovalipes stephensoni (Ar) Ovalipes ocellatus (Ar) Fortunus gibbesti (Ar) Halectum sp. (Ch) Urophycis regius (Ch) Etropus crossotus (Ch) Scophthalmus aquosus (Ch) Scophthalmus aquosus (Ch) Trachypenaeus constrictus (Ar) Irachypenaeus constrictus (Ar) Libinia emarginata (Ar)	Ovalipes stephensoni (At) Portunus gibbesii (At) Halecium sp. (Cn) Brevoortia tyrannus (Ch) Trachypenaeus constrictus Libinia emarginata (Ar) Membranipora tenuis (Bry)	(y) 7
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Pagurus pollicaris (Ar)  Ovalipes stephensoni (Ar)  Calliactis rricolor (Cn)  Crepidula plana (Ho)  Crepidula plana (Ho)  Lelostomus kanthurus (Ch)  Heparus epheliituus (Ar)  Balanus venustus (Ar)  Balanus venustus (Ar)  Astropecten duplicatus (Er)  Helita quinquesperforata (Er)  Helita quinquesperforata (Ch)  Hembranipora ruborescens (Bry)  Prionotus carolinus (Ch)  Prionotus carolinus (Ch)  Scophthalmus aquosus (Ch)  Scophthalmus aquosus (Ch)  Collinectes sapidus (Ar)  Portunus spinimanus (Ar)  Portunus spinimanus (Ar)  Hydractinia echinata (Cn)  Astrangia astrefformis (Ch)  Astrangia astrefformis (Ch)  Astrangia astrefformis (Ch)  Astrangia astrefformis (Ch)  Repadeonella hastingase (Mo)  Repiadeonella hastingase (Mo)  Repiadeonella hastingase (Mo)		Ovalipes stephensoni (Ar) Prionctus carolinus (Ch) Prioncus carolinus (Ch) Portunus gibbesii (Ar) Lelostomus xantinurus (Ch) Trachypenaeus constrictus (Ar) Gallinectes similis (Ar) Halecium sp. (Gallinectes similis (Ar) Halecium sp. (Gallinectes similis (Ar) Hellita quinquesperforata (Ech) Membranipora tenuis (Bry)		Micropogonias undulatus (Ch) Scophthalmus aquosus (Ch) Scophthalmus aquosus (Ch) Penaeus aztecus aztecus (Ar) Pagurus longicarpus (Ar) Pagurus pollicaris (Ar) Ovalipes stephensoni (Ar) Mellita quinquesperforata (Ech) Mellita quinquesperforata (Ech) Mellita quinquesperforata (Ar) Mellita quinquesperforata (Ar) Mellita quinquesperforata (Ch) Mellita quinquesperforata (Ar) Icrathus fasciatus (Ch) Stellifer lanceolatus (Ch) Stellifer lanceolatus (Ch) Trachypenaeus constrictus (Ar) Hepatus epheliticus (Ar) Chalipes ocellatus (Ar) Arenneus cribrarius (Ar) Callinectes sp. (Ar) Callinettis tricolor (Ch) Crepidula plana (Mo) Crepidula plana (Mo) Crepidula plana (Mo) Crepidula plana (Mo)	Portunus gibbesii (Ar) Prinnus gibbesii (Ar) Prinnus gibbesii (Ar) Prinnus gibbesii (Ar) Pagurus pollicaris (Ar) Rellita quinquesperforata (Ech)10 Leiostomus ranthurus (Ch) Balamis venusus (Ar) Grepidula fornicata (Ho) Scophthalmus aguosus (Ch) Repatus epheliticus (Ar) Crepidula plana (Ho) Hembranipora tenuis (Rry) Hicropogonias anceus (Ch) Prinacus arteus arteus (Ch) Prinacus arteus arteus (Ch) Prinacus arteus arteus (Ar) Tracinpenacus constrictus (Ar) Pagurus longicarpus (Ar) Pagurus longicarpus (Ar) Pagurus longicarpus (Ar) Pagurus longicarpus (Ar) Lolliguncula brevis (Ar) Lolliguncula brevis (Ar)	(Ch) 7 (Ar) 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7

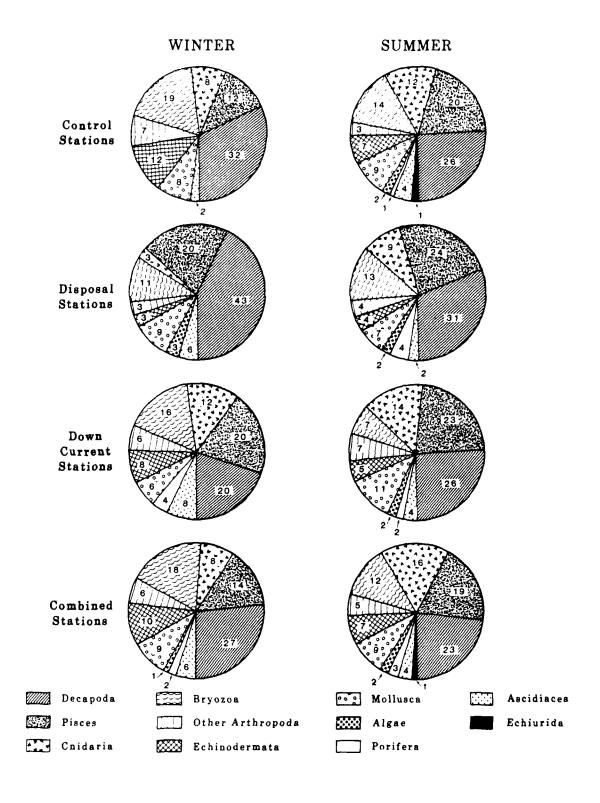


Figure 14. Percentage contribution of major taxa to the species composition of beam trawl collections.

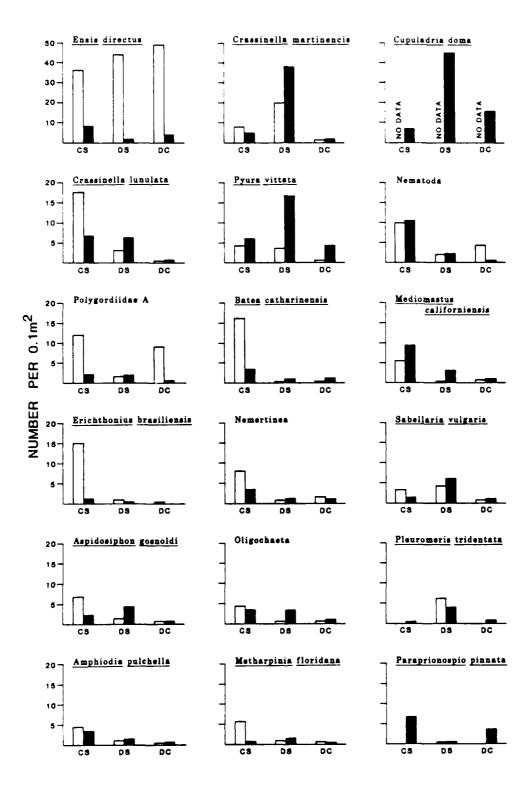


Figure 19. Comparison of the mean density of dominant macroinvertebrates from grab samples at control (CS), disposal (DS), and "down current" (DC) sites. Only species represented by more than 1% of the total number of individuals are included. (Open bars are winter, solid bars are summer).

Mean density of the dominant macroinvertebrates at control, disposal, and "down current" sites during each season. Values are the number of individuals per  $0.1~\mathrm{m}^2$ . Table 15.

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Metharpinia floridana 5.5 0.7		1.2	1.5	0.2	0.1	
Paraprionospio pinnata 0 6.8		ų	0.2	0	3.5	

This bivalve typically spends most of its time on the top of the substrate rather than buried in it, climbing on bits of smell by means of its foot and delicate byssal threads (Harry, 1966). It has previously been reported as an important member of the benthic macrofauna in the entrance channel of Winvah Bay (Hinde et al., 1981), where it was largely restricted to sandy sediment. In the present study, it was significantly more dense in the control site than at the disposal and "down current" stations during winter sampling (P < 0.02), although no such pattern was observed among collections taken during the summer (Figure 191.

The fifth most abundant species was the solitary ascidian, Pyura vittata. This small ascidian is found in shallow water attached to small bits of smell or stone (Van Name, 1945; Plough, 1978). Its pattern of density among our stations resembled that of C. martinicensis and C. doma, in that it was most common in the summer in the disposal site (Figure 19). Like those species, however, this pattern was not statistically significant (2 + 0.05). Comparisons of mean densities among sites and seasons for the remaining dominant species resulted in only one other significant difference. During both seasons, the polychaete Mediomastus californiensis was more abundant at control stations than elsewhere (Figure 19), and in winter the difference between CS stations and DS stations was significant (P < 0.05).

The two most abundant macroinvertebrates collected in the Charleston DMDS were the lancelet Branchiostoma caribaeum and the sipunculid Aspidosiphon gosnoldi (reported as A. spinalis; Van Dolah et al., 1983). Although A. gosnoldi was also found in higher densities in the Georgetown DMDS (Figure 19), B. caribaeum was not nearly as common (Appendices 5-10). This difference between the two disposal sites is noteworthy, although not easily explained. It could be due, in part, to the relative mobility of the lancelet, which is often taken in surface water samples (Boschung and Gunter, 1962), and to differences in the availability of suitable shell substrate, which is necessary for large populations of the nestling sipunculid (Cutler, 1973).

The spionid polychaete P. pinnata, which was abundant during the summer in the control and "lown current" sites, was also among the dominant species collected during October in the entrance hannel to Winyah Bay (Hinde et il., 1981). In that study, it was found in finer seliments of the channel (> 93% silt and play), and in another study of dredge spoil disposal effects it appears to have been transported to the disposal site via dredged material "Man Bolah et al., 1979).

The diversity of the benthic communities was command among sites and seasons using several andices of community structure (Annendix II). To tacilitate this comparison, the average value of each of the following parameters was plotted for each site and

season: diversity ( $H^{+}$ ), evenness ( $J^{+}$ ), species richness (SR), number of species, and abundance (Figure 29).

Average diversity was greatest in the control site and it was most variable in the disposal site where values of 1.4 and 5.8 were obtained at DSI1 (winter) and DSO8 (summer), respectively. Within each particular area, diversity was generally greater during the summer. Diversity noted at the control site during both seasons was similar to the rather high values reported in the Charleston DMDS (Van Dolah, et al., 1983), while diversity noted in the disposal and "down current" sites was more typical of similar nearshore environments in the Middle Atlantic Bight (Boesch, 1972; Boesch et al., 1977) and further north (Saila et al., 1972).

No obvious differences in evenness (J') were observed among sites; however, a consistent seasonal pattern was detected with average values of J' being greatest during the summer at all areas (Figure 20). Like H', this index was also highly variable among disposal stations, and extreme values were observed at DSO8 and DS11, the same stations which exhibited extreme H' values. In the winter, DS11 was heavily dominated (> 81%) by E. directus (Appendix 7), which reduced species equitability (J' = 0.3), whereas the four dominant species in summer collections at DSO8 comprised only 24% of the total number of individuals at that station (Appendix 8).

Species richness (SR) was greatest at control sites, where it exhibited rather marked variation among samples (Figure 20). The highest value was observed at CS10 during winter (23.9), while the lowest value occurred at DC03 during that season (4.6). Control stations also differed from disposal and "down current" sites in that winter samples had higher SR than those taken during summer.

Comparisons of overall faunal abundance at stations within each site indicated that densities were generally highest at the control site during the winter, with a maximum of 3,120 individuals per  $0.5~\text{m}^2$  at CS10 (Figure 20). The lowest average density was observed at "down current" stations, with only 78 individuals per  $0.5~\text{m}^2$  collected at DC03. Overall faunal abundance was highly variable among the stations (Appendix II); however, no statistically significant seasonal or spatial patterns of total abundance were detected (P > 0.2).

The average number of species per station was highest in the control site during winter (Figure 20), where as many as 193 species were obtained in 5 replicate 0.1 m² samples at CS10 (Appendices 5 and 11). The fewest species were collected at the "down current" site, where winter collections at DC03 yielded only 21 species in the five grab samples (Appendices 9 and 11). Coincidentally, these were the same stations having the highest and

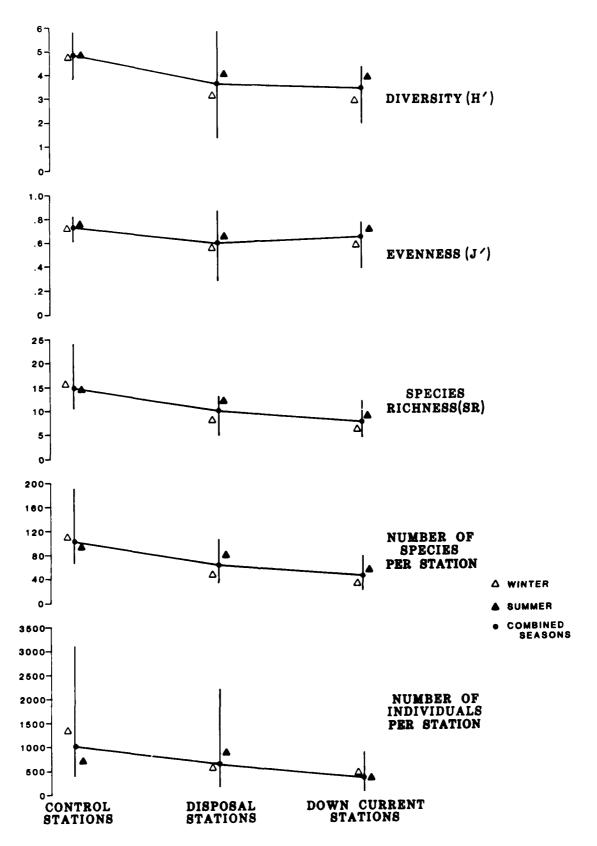


Figure 20. Average values of several community structure parameters at control, disposal, and "down current" sites. The vertical bars indicate the range of values for each site.

lowest overall faunal densities, respectively. The difference in mean number of species between CS and DC stations was significant during the winter period (P < 0.02), but by summer the difference between areas was no longer significant (P > 0.05).

The relatively high number of species, faunal density, and diversity of the benthic community observed during winter at the control stations (Figure 20) may be related to differences between sediments in that area and those of the disposal and "down current" areas. Qualitative observations during the winter sampling period indicated the presence of finer sediments in samples from all five control stations. Similar sediments were observed at only one other station in the disposal and "down current" sites during that season. In summer, however, measurements of sediment texture indicated no significant differences in the proportion of fine-grained (silt and clay) sediments among control, disposal and "down current" sites (Table 6). During this period, no obvious differences were noted between control stations and the others based on species richness, diversity and overall abundance (Figure 20). It is unlikely that the distribution of these finer sediments during the winter is related to previous disposal practices. Naturally occurring sediment transport is extensive throughout the study area (Figure 2), and the finer sediments in the control site during winter were probably a result of such processes.

Normal cluster analysis produced five groups of stations with relatively high internal similarity (Figure 21). Some seasonality in community structure was apparent from the arrangement of entities within the dendrogram, since all but one group consisted predominantly of collections from one season or the other. Station groups 2 and 3, for example, were comorised exclusively of summer samples, while groups 4 and 5 were primarily winter collections. Group 1 was an equal mixture of samples from both seasons.

All sampling sites had three stations which were sampled during both seasons (CSO2, 09, 13; DSO3, 06, 13; DCO1, 02, 03). Seven of those stations had winter and summer collections located in different station groups (Figure 21). The remaining two were control stations, CSO9 and CS13, indicating smaller seasonal differences in community structure at this site than elsewhere. In fact, group 1, which was equilly represented by samples from both seasons, contained nearly all of the CS simples, with the only exceptions being CSO2 and CDO3 summer samples.

The location of sampling sites belonging to each of the winter station groups further illustrates the difference between the control site and other sites (Figure 22). During this season, the control stations were highly dissimilar to the "down current" and disposal stations, with group 1 being most dissimilar to groups 4 and 5 (Figure 21). This distinction

between sites was no longer apparent in the summer, when station groups were either broadly distributed throughout the study area, or limited to a single station (Figure 23).

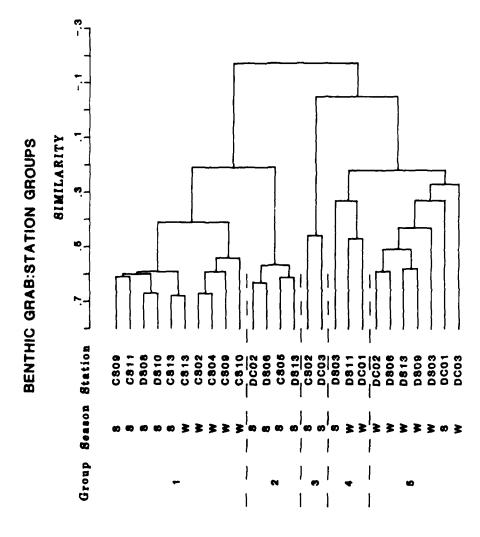
The inverse classification produced seven species groups which were dissimilar to one another in terms of their occurrence and abundance among station groups (Figure 24, Table 16). Nodal diagrams were constructed to illustrate the distribution of species groups among "fixed" site groups (CS, winter and summer; DS, winter and summer; DC, winter and summer) in order to elucidate possible differences between these sites and/or seasons.

Species group A contained a large number of ubiquitous species that included most of the numerically dominant organisms (Tables 15, 16). These species were highly constant at all sites, especially in the control area, and consequently showed only low fidelity to site groups (Figure 24). Several species in this group, including C. lunulata, Amphiodia pulchella, and Metharpinia floridana were restricted to sandy sediments in the Georgetown entrance channel (Hinde et al., 1981), although no such sediment preferences are apparent from their distribution in the present study.

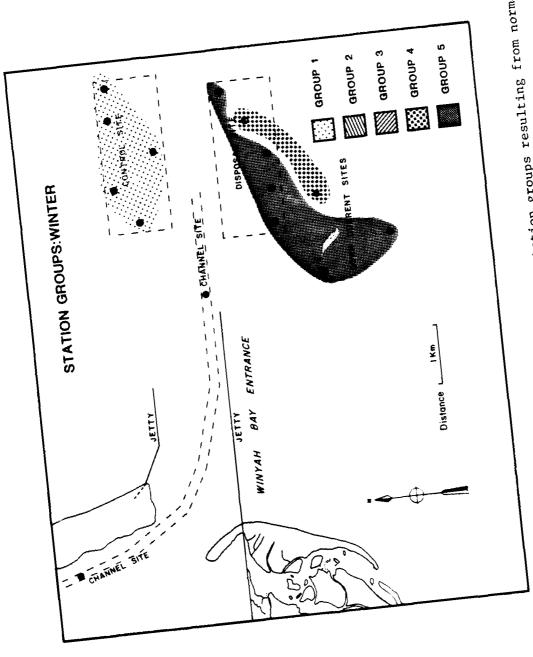
Group B consisted mainly of polychaetes, ophiuroids and mollusks that were highly constant among control stations during the winter. Their constancy at other sites was moderate to very low, and as a result this group was moderately faithful to the control area. This was the only species group that was even moderately site-restricted (Figure 24). Species in group C showed moderate to low constancy and low fidelity among all site groups.

Species in groups D and E showed greater similarity to one another than to any other groups, and the distribution of their component species among site groups was very similar (Figure 24). These species showed seasonal variation in abundance at all sites, with constancy in summer samples being consistently greater than in winter. They were also more constant at control and disposal sites than at "down current" sites, although they were not highly restricted to any area (Figure 24).

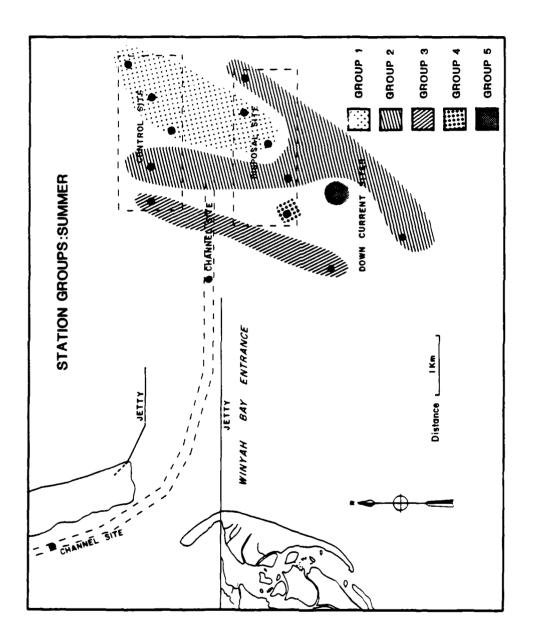
Group F contained several of the more abundant species, including P. tridentata, C. martincensis, P. vittata and A. gosnoldi (Table 15, 16). All of these species, except A. gosnoldi, were greatest in abundance at the disposal site (Figure 19), and this is reflected in the high constancy of this group at that site (Figure 24). High constancy was also observed for this group at the "down current" stations during summer. Fidelity for this group was low at all sites.



Normal cluster dendrogram of benthic grab samples showing the five station groups formed using flexible sorting. Figure 21.

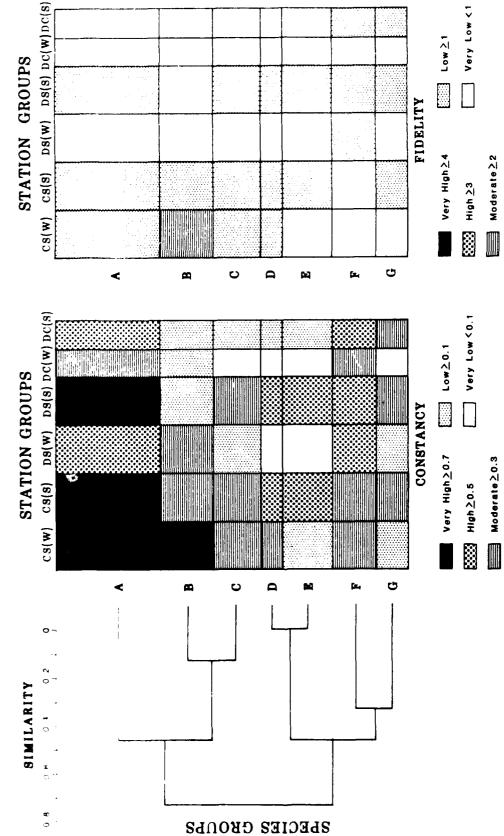


Location of the winter samples among station groups resulting from normal cluster analysis. See Figure 24 for levels of similarity. Figure 22.



Location of the summer samples among station groups resulting from normal cluster analysis. See Figure 24 for levels of similarity. Figure 23.





Inverse classification heirarchy of grab collections and nodal diagrams showing constancy and and fidelity of species groups among the sampling sites and seasons. Figure 24.

Table 16. Species groups resulting from inverse cluster analysis of grab samples. (Am = Amphipoda;
As = Ascidiacea; Ce = Cephalochordata; Cu = Cumacea; D = Decapoda; E = Echinodermata;
I = Isopoda; M = Mollusca; My = Mysidacea; P = Polychaeta; Si = Sipunculida).

Group A	Group D
Oligochaeta	Ancistrosyllis hartmanae (P)
Mediomastus californiensis (P)	Cirrophorus lyriformis (P)
Nemertinea	Goniadides carolinae (P)
Nematoda	Mysidopsis bigelowi (My)
Crassinella lunulata (M)	Amaena trilobata (P)
Amphiodia pulchella (E)	Tiron tropakis (Am)
Hemipodus roseus (P)	<del></del>
Sabellaria vulgaris (P)	Group E
Pagurus hendersoni (D)	
Batea catharinensis (Am) Ensis directus (M)	Caulleriella killariensis (P)
Polygordiidae A (P)	Sigambra bassi (P)
Actiniaria	Ampharete americana (P)
Pelecypoda	Schistomeringos rudolphi (P)
Maldanidae (P)	Prionospio cirrifera (P) Owenia fusiformis (P)
Unciola serrata (Am)	Aspidosiphon albus (Si)
Polycirrus eximius (P)	Drilonereis magna (P)
Automate evermanni (D)	Paraonidae (P)
Eulalia sanguinea (P)	Leptochela serratorbita (D)
Pinnixa sp. (D)	Tiron triocellatus (Am)
Spiophanes bombyx (P)	Trachypenaeus constrictus (D)
Nephtys picta (P)	Parapionsyllis sp. A (P)
Glycera sp. A (P)	Promysis atlantica (My)
Glycera dibranchiata (P)	<del></del>
Erichthonius brasiliensis (Am)	Group F
Exogone dispar (P)	
Metharpinia floridana (Am)	Natica pusilla (M)
Acanthohaustorius millsi (Am)	Travisia parva (P)
Oxyurostylis smithi (Cu)	Branchiostoma caribaeum (Ce)
	Mellita quinquiesperforata (E)
roup B	Ancinus depressus (I)
Constitute formations (M)	Eudevenopus honduranus (Am)
Crepidula fornicata (M)	Glycera oxycephala (P)
Podarke obscura (P) Ophiuroidea (E)	Pleuromeris tridentata (M)
Bhawania goodei (P)	Ophelia denticulata (P)
Hemipholus elongata (E)	Pyura vittata (As)
Nereis sp. (P)	Crassinella martinicensis (M)
Nereis succinea (P)	Aspidosiphon gosnoldi (Si)
Notocirrus spinferus (P)	Group G
Petricola pholadiformis (M)	Group G
Pelecypoda B	Magelona phyllisae (P)
Polydora caeca (P)	Magelona rosea (P)
Cirolana polita (I)	Paraprionospio pinnata (P)
Cirratulidae (P)	Mulinia lateralis (M)
Nucula proxima (M)	Pelecypoda
Elasmopus levis (Am)	Sigambra tentaculata (P)
	Bowmaniella sp. (My)
roup C	Bowmaniella brasiliensis (My)
	Abra aequalis (M)
Tharyx annulosus (P)	
Brania clavata (P)	
Ampelisca vadorum (Am)	
Spiophanes sp. A (P)	
Diopatra cuprea (P)	
Turbellaria	
Tharyx marioni (P)	
Invertebrata D	
Parvulicina multilineata (M)	
Pseudeurythoe ambigua (P)	
Prionospio fallax (P)	
Spio pettiboneae (P)	
Ervilia concentrica (M)	
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Finally, group G consisted of a number of species which had moderate constancy and low fidelity to all areas during the summer; lower values were consistently noted during the winter. Nearly half of the species in this group have been shown to prefer finer sediments with a significant silt or clay content. Hinde et al. (1981) found P. pinnata, Mulinia lateralis, and Sigambra tentaculata to be most common in muddy sediments at Winyah Bay, and Magelona phyllisae and P. pinnata were found in more silty sediments of nearshore waters on the Texas continental shelf (Flint and Rabalais, 1980).

Results of the present study suggest that there have been no long-lasting effects on the benthic infaunal community in the Georgetown DMDS as a result of past disposal activity. This community was characterized by large seasonal and spatial variability in species composition and abundance, which is typical for nearshore environments throughout the South Atlantic Bight (US EPA, 1982). Several noteworthy differences were observed, however, between the infaunal biota of the Georgetown DMDS and the infaunal communities described by the US EPA (1982) off Savannah, Charleston, and Wilmington.

Sediments in the Savannah, Charleston, and Wilmington (SCW) DMDS were characterized primarily as fine to medium sand (US EPA, 1982), while those in the Georgetown site were typically medium to coarse. In addition, greater numbers of species were collected from stations sampled during the present study than from the SCW-DMDS. Other studies off the South Carolina coast, however, indicate that the number of species observed at these Georgetown stations may actually be more typical of similar nearshore environments in the vicinity (Knott et al., 1983b; Van Dolah et al., 1983). Finally, the dominance of the SCW-DMDS by small-bodied depositfeeders (US EPA, 1982) was not observed in the Georgetown disposal site, where the five most abundant species were the suspension feeders E. directus, C. martinicensis, C. doma, lunulata and P. vittata.

Although some of the effects of dredged material disposal, such as increased turbidity, may be transient or localized (Windom, 1976), the impacts of such a disruption would certainly be more severe on a suspension-feeding community such as that found in the Georgetown DMDS, than on a community dominated by deposit feeders. The effects of disposal would be even more obvious if the textural characteristics of disposed sediments were significantly different from the medium-coarse sandy sediments observed throughout this study area. The importance of matching the physical characteristics of the dredged material as closely as possible to the substrate found in the disposal site, in order to minimize potential disruption to the benthic community, has been previously acknowledged (Windom, 1976; Morton, 1977; "S EPA, 1982).

### Tissue Chemistry

Factors influencing contaminant concentrations in marine organisms include the size and health of the organism, its feeding habits, and its physical location (i.e. within or above the bottom sediments, in the water column, etc.). Depending upon the organism's ability to concentrate a particular contaminant, tissue levels may differ greatly from those in the surrounding environment. For example, oysters examined in the Wando River near Charleston were found to have copper concentrations > 200 ug/g, whereas copper levels in the water were below the detection limit (Mathews et al., 1979). Some typical examples of trace metal concentrations in edible tissue as as follows: 4.0-5.0 ppm arsenic in crustaceans, 0.1-0.3 ppm cadmium in molluscs and crustaceans, 0.3-0.4 ppm chromium in hard clams (Mercenaria mercenaria) and oysters (Crassostrea virginica), 2.0-3.0 ppm copper in hard clams and 30.0-40.0 ppm copper in oysters, 0.5-0.8 ppm lead in molluscs and crustaceans, < 0.3 ppm mercury in crustaceans and < 0.1 ppm mercury in molluscs, 0.2-0.4 ppm nickel for crustaceans, and 10.0-20.0 ppm zinc in hard clams (Hall et al., 1978).

Trace metal concentrations in tissue samples from the three sites sampled during this study were consistently within the limits described above, indicating no unusual accumulation of metals in organisms from this small geographical area. Appendix 12 presents data for all metals analyzed, while Table 3 shows the maxima. Cadmium, chromium, nickel, lead and mercury were all below their particular detection limits and well within the scope of values reported in the survey by Hall et al. (1978). Both arsenic and copper fell within the above limits, with values of 1.67-2.34  $\mu g/g$ and 6.15-9.65 µg/g, respectively. Although zinc was somewhat higher than the concentrations listed above (50.77-53.61 µg/g), oysters commonly contain zinc ranging from 300-400 ppm (Hall et al., 1978).

No pesticides or PCBs were detected in any of the tissue samples using detection limits of  $\geq 50$  ppb. Consequently, we assume these contaminants are present in trace quantities only.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTED MONITORING PLAN

The Georgetown DMDS is an easily accessible area for monitoring the effects of dredged material disposal. Based on results obtained from this study we have several recommendations related to environmental and biological assessment in future monitoring efforts.

- 1) Hydrographic sampling conducted during the present study provided a satisfactory data base for a general evaluation of oceanographic conditions. This sampling effort would not have to be expanded in future assessments.
- 2) Sampling for trace metals and organic pollutants was also sufficient in terms of the array of pollutants examined. However, the current detection limits for pesticides and PCBs suggested by Pequegnat et al. (1981) may be too high for a proper evaluation of potentially toxic conditions. McKee and Wolf (1963) and Bookhout and Costlow (1976) indicate that trace amounts much lower than the suggested limit of these compounds (> 50 ppb) may be lethal to certain organisms. Therefore, we recommend lowering detection limits to at least 1-5 ppb for the PCBs and pesticides tested. Priority should be given to testing pollutant levels in sediments and animal tissue rather than in water since the hydrographic conditions in the study area are so variable.
- 3) Sedimentological analyses in this study were limited to only one season, but qualitative observations during the other season suggested temporal differences in sediment composition. Therefore, sediment composition and grain-size analyses should be conducted concurrent with every future biological sampling period for a better understanding of faunal distribution patterns. Assessment of contaminants in sediments could be limited to the sampling period(s) immediately following disposal operations. If high levels of pollutants were then detected, an expanded follow-up sampling program should be conducted for those pollutants.
- 4) Review of topographic data available for the Georgetown DMDS area did not reveal any obvious mounding from previous disposal activities. To better evaluate potential effects of disposal on benthic communities in the DMDS, the Corps of Engineers should require dredge operators to provide precise Loran-C coordinates for all disposal activities. Loran-C receivers are inexpensive and sufficiently accurate to locate potential mound sites. Additionally, we recommend that detailed bathymetric profiles be obtained for the DMDS area immediately after a disposal period, and then again at reasonable intervals for at least one year following disposal. This would permit placement of future monitoring stations in known disposal areas and help in evaluating dispersal of sediments over time.
- 5) Based on the poor visibility and dangerous current conditions in the study area, we recommend deletion of scuba diving in any future monitoring efforts.

- b) The benthic community assessment in the DMDS, control and "down current" areas provided sufficient data on present community composition, as well as information on the temporal and spatial distribution of dominant fauna. Because negative effects of past disposal activities were not noted in this study, future monitoring activities in the Georgetown DMDS area should not need to be intensive, unless (1) a significantly larger amount of sediment is disposed in the area or (2) sediments are disposed in the DMDS which are significantly different from those naturally present. Disposal of larger sediment volumes and/or disposal of finer sediments from Winyah Bay, especially from around Georgetown Harbor, could possibly have more severe and long-term effects on the benthic infauna in and near the DMDS. These effects would most likely be due to direct burial, changes in sediment composition and increased turbidity (Morton, 1977). Thus, intensive biological monitoring would be needed for impact assessment.
- 7) Any future monitoring program should consider seasonal effects on benthic community composition. If possible, priority should be given to summer and winter periods for best comparisons with data obtained from this study. Infaunal assemblages represent the most important biological component for assessment of impacts from disposal. Epifaunal assemblages are also important, particularly for collection of large animals for tissue analysis, but assessment of impacts on this group is more difficult, since most epifaunal species are relatively motile.

As noted previously, information obtained in this study indicates that past disposal practices in the Georgetown DMDS have not resulted in detectable negative impacts to resources and biota in and near the existing disposal site. Therefore, use of this area for disposal of outer-channel sediments (similar volumes) can be continued, although consideration should be given to avoiding seasons critical to the sturgeon and shrimp fisheries. Alternatively, the site could be relocated further offshore to avoid seasonal restrictions related to these fisheries. present location of the DMDS may not be suitable if finer sediments were disposed in the area, due to the strong tidal currents present and the location of the DMDS relative to shrimp and sturgeon fisheries and turtle nesting counds. Our present information base is insufficient to predict the effects of offshore disposal of fine sediments on these resources or on benthic communities.

# **Summary and Conclusions**

- 1. The leargetown ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site was assessed to provide baseline information on present conditions related to the hydrography, bottom sediments and benthic communities. Neurov areas to the north and south, as well as in the entrance channel to Georgetown Harbor, were also assessed for comparison with conditions found in the DMDS.
- A survey of existing information related to living and non-living resources in the region around Winyah Bay generally supported conclusions and conditions described by the US EPA (1982) for the Savannah, Charleston and Wilmington DMDS. Specific resources which might be affected by disposal in the Georgetown DMDS include the shrimp and Atlantic sturgeon fisheries, and loggerhead turtles (nesting). The sturgeon fishery is the most localized of these three resources, and Winvah Bav is the site of the biggest fishery for this species in the Sea Island region. Other living and non-living resources in the study area will probably not be affected by disposal of predominantly sandy sediments from the outer reaches of the Winyah Bay entrance channel. Disposal of finer sediments from Georgetown Harbor or other areas, however, would possibly have more detrimental effects on the surrounding resources due to increased turbidities and changes in sediment composition. Sufficient studies have not been conducted in this region to fully evaluate the consequences of fine-sediment disposal in offshore sand bottom areas.
- 3. Sampling was conducted at five sites in the DMDS, five sites in a central area north of the DMDS, three "down current" sites south of the DMDS, and two channel sites. The number of samples varied at each site, but hydrographic, sediment and benthic grab and trawl samples were collected at most stations during summer and winter seasons.
- 4. Standard hydrographic factors, which included temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen and turbidity were within the limits normally encountered along the South Carolina coast. Some seasonal and spatial differences were discerned for each factor. High runoff via Winvah Bay resulted in reduced salinities and increased turbidities at some sites. Moderately high turbifities in summer may have been the result of frement shrimp trawling in the area. Currents in the DMDS appear to be largely tidal, ilthough some evidence of a southerly nearshore surrent was noted. Trace contaminants in water samples were within or below ranges noted in other areas of the South Atlantic Bight. Many trace metals were below detection limits, as were PCBs and all pesticides tested.

- 5. Sediment analyses indicated that bottom sediments at most of the sampling sites consisted of medium to coarse sands with very little (< 1%) silt and clay. Stations to the south of the DMDS had consistently finer-grained sediments than those in the DMDS and control areas, but no statistically significant differences were noted among sites. Sediments were low in trace metal and organic contaminant concentrations. Comparisons with other studies indicated that sediments in and near the Georgetown DMDS cannot be considered polluted. No hard bottom areas were found in the entire study area.
- Benthic epifauna and fishes captured in beam trawl collections were typical of those from sand bottom habitat of South Carolina coastal waters. Community structure was influenced by season, and the number of species was significantly higher in summer. Species assemblages differed noticeably between winter and summer, with several species occurring during only one season. Although the total number of species was lowest in the disposal area, comparison of species composition among the sites indicated that lower diversity resulted from fewer sessile species, mainly bryozoans and chidarians. This suggests that less hard substrate was available for colonization by sessile organisms in portions of the disposal area, although lesser amounts of hard substrate (i.e. wood, shell) in the DMDS were probably not related to past disposal activities. Tissue analysis of whelks (Busycon carica) collected in and near the DMDS did not reveal any high concentrations of contaminants.
- 7. The infauna collected in grab samples at the 13 offshore stations were numerically dominated by pelecypods, polychaetes, amphipods and bryozoans. Polychaetes were the most diverse taxon. Of the 357 species collected, many were rare or limited in their distribution. The dominant species, however, were generally ubiquitous throughout the study area and exhibited considerable temporal and spatial variation. No significant differences could be attributed to past disposal activities with respect to species composition or faunal density among the control, disposal and "down current" sites. Unlike the deposit-feeding communities previously described for the SCW-DMDS, the Georgetown DMDS and vicinity were characterized by a seasonally variable, diverse community of suspension-feeding organisms. Numerical classification of the data illustrated some differences in similarity between stations in the control site versus those in the disposal and "down current" areas, particularly during winter. These differences probably were not related to previous disposal practices. Rather, they were most likely due to natural variability in sediment composition. Cluster analysis also indicated that most of the abundant and frequently occurring species were widely distributed throughout the study area.

- 8. Recommendations for future monitoring at the Georgetown DMDS include lowering the detection limits required for organic contaminants, deleting diver observations, increasing sedimentological and bathymetric surveys, and increasing the intensity and scope of assessments if increased volumes or fine-grained sediments are deposited in the DMDS. The present location of the Georgetown DMDS appears to be satisfactory for continued disposal of outer-channel sediments.
- 9. An alternative disposal site located farther offshore would reduce potential localized impacts on the shrino and sturgeon fisheries. Although no evidence was found which indicated that past (limited) disposal in the DMDS has had a significant impact on these fisheries, disposal of finer-grained sediments in the present DMDS might have greater effects.

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Arsenic µ8/8 Mercury µ8/8	0.27	0.51	0.34	0.35	0.38	0.11	0.35	0.41	0.08	0.61	0.14	0.22	0.42	0.21	0.55

ND - Not Detected; Detection Limit is 50 ppb.

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Nitrate as ${\rm NO_2mg/kg106.28}$	3 106.28	10.00	8.04	2.28	0.34	2.5	6.34	0.21	2.47	81.31	3.57	2.70	97.4	3.96	27.45
Soluble Phosphorus as PO <sub>4</sub> mg/kg	1.20	1.63	0.914	0.678	0.446	0.231	1.01	1.72	1.44	1.16	0.849	1.37	1.20	0.646	0.304
Total Phosphorus as PO <sub>4</sub> mg/kg	8.43	34.72	15.44	9.00	8.20	14.93	8.11	7.17	11.26	92.9	6.57	5.82	53.13	5.92	27.13
011 + Grease mg/kg	<b>,</b>	289	35	57	506	57	∞	9>	\$	32	105	81	207	114	<10
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen mg/kg	07	979	266	29	36	105	55	39	20	722	969	807	766	31	399

	CH01	СН02	CS02	CS05	CS09	CS11	<u>CS13</u>	DS03	DS06	9080	DS10	DS13	DC01	DC02	DC03	SPIKE CH01
PCBs ug/g	ND	QN	QN QN	QN	S S	QN	<u>S</u>	Ø	Q	e e	QN	QN	CN	QN	QN	1234 PUB - 55.7% RECOVERY
A - BHC ug/8	ND	QN	QN	g	QN	ND	Q.	£	QN	QN	QN	QN	QN	QN	QN.	
lindane ug/g	<del>S</del>	Ę	Ę	Q.	£	QN	Ę	Ē	Ē	CEN	Ē	QN	QN	QN	QN	73% RECOVERY
heptachlor ug/g	ND	£	£	2	Q	QN	Q.	ND	QN	ND	QN	QN	ND	QN	CIN	
B-RHC ug/g	£	QN	QN	QN	Ê	Ć.	£	QN	Q.	QN	QN.	QN	CN	<del>S</del>	QN.	
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O,P1-DDT ug/g	QN Q	Q.	Ð	£	Q	<del>S</del>	£	£	Q.	Ę	Đ	QN	Ø	S	QN	
Chlordane µg/g	M	ND	QN	QN	£	QN	GN	£	Œ	Ę	(ix	Q.	Q.	QN	QX	
Dieldrin µg/g	æ	Q.	Ę	Ð	£	Ç.	£	£	£	Q.	Q.	QN	QN	Q.	NO	
Endrin µg/8	NO ON	ND	QN	£	g	Q.	Q	Q	QN	Ę	QN	£	£	g	Q	100.0% RECOVER
P,P1-DDD ug/g	£	Q.	Ę	£	g	Q	Q	8	£	Š	QN	Q.	QN	QN	QN	
P,P <sup>1</sup> -DDT µ8/8	QN	QN	QN	Ð	QN	Ê	£	QN	GN GN	QV QV	QN	ND	ND Me	ND Methoxychlor	QN .	100.0% RECOVERY
Wet weight of Sample Extracted ug/g	46.3808	46.3808 47.9552	48.0755	48.0755 50.3328 49	8 49.7783	3 52,8452 55.0655	55.0655	52.0564	55.0394	54.7150	58.9654	45.1802	49.3585	55.7648	44.3987	
Dry weight of Sample Extracted µ8/R	36.5017	36.5017 32.9932	34,1336	34.1336 40.1152 40	2 40.0218	.0218 43.2802	43.9423	41.3848	41.3848 45.7928 42.5136	42.5136	47.5261	35.9183	34.3548	45.1695	29.2587	
% Dry Weight of Wet Weight µg/g	78.7	68.8	71.0	7.67	80.4	81.9	79.8	79.5	83.2	1.11	80.6	79.5	4.69	81.0	62.9	
Total Resolved Hydrocarbons by GC µg/g	QN	QN	8.95	Ü	QN	1.00	Ð	£	G.	æ	Š	Q.	g	Q.	£	
Total Unresolved Hydrocarbons by GC ug/g	QN Q	QN	QN	QN	æ	QN	<b>E</b>	£	Q	N	ND	ND	Q	QN	æ	

Appendix 2. (Continued)

<u></u>	CH01	CS05	DS08	DC02	CONTROL	SPIKE
Total unresolved Hydrocarbons by						
C 4g/1	ИD	ND	ND	ИD	ND	
ium of the				22.27	170	
n-Alkanes ug/l	229.01	159.64	ND	23.37	ND	
Sum of the even	104.22	115.35	ND	9.62	ND	
n-Alkanes _g/l	104.22	113.33	ND	7.02	ND	
Sum of the odd n-Alkanes ug/l	124.79	44.29	ND	13.75	ND	
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Inresolved Hydro- arbons/Resolved	ND	ND		ND		
ydrocarbons _g/l	416.63	259.98	ND	170.18	ND	
ristane + Phytane/	ND	ND		ND		
-Alkanes ug/l	229.01	159.64	ND	23.37	ND	
ristane/n-Cl7	ND	<u> ND</u>			150	
ug/1	14.36	2.40	ND	ND	ND	
ristane/n-Cl8	ND 2.73	$\frac{ND}{1.47}$	),TTO	$\frac{ND}{9.62}$	NT	
u <b>g/1</b>	2./3	1,4/	ND	9.02	ND	
ristane/ hytane µg/l	ND	ND	ИД	ND	ND	
					1.0	
i-Alkanes/Branched lydrocarbons ug/1	229.01 NA	159.64 NA	ИД	23.37 NA	ND	
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oil and Grease	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	
•				0.62		
dd n-Alkanes/ ven n-Alkanes µg/l	$\frac{124.79}{104.22}$	$\frac{44.29}{115.35}$	ND	$\frac{9.62}{13.75}$	ND	
admium ug/l	0.8	7.1	1.6	3.4	< 0.1	
Arsenic ug/l	78.6	92.8	41.4	32.4	< 2.0	
hromium Ug/1	1.4	5.3	4.7	2.1	3.0	
ickel sg/l	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	< 5.0	
opper ug/1	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	< 50	
ead ug/1	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0	
ercury ug/l	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	
inc -g/1	265	150	172	172	140	

ND - Not Detected; Detection limit is 50 ppb.

Appendix 2. Hydrographic chemical analysis from Georgetown DMDS area. (CH - channel, CS - control, DS - disposal, DC - down current)

	<u>CH01</u>	<u>cs05</u>	DS08	DC02	CONTROL	SPIKE
PCBs =g/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1254 PCB - 100.0% Recovery
✓ - BHC ~g/1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ИД	
lindane µg/l	ND	ND	ND	ИD	ND	85.2% Recovery
heptachlor µg/1	ND	ND	עזא	ND	ND	
B-BHC ug/1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
aldrin wg/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
heptachlor epoxide µg/l	ND	ND	NTD	ND	ND	
P, P1 - DDE u g/1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
$0.P^1$ - DDD $\mu g/1$	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
0,P1 - DDT ug/1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
chlordane ug/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
dieldrin ug/l	ИD	ND	ND	ND	ND	
endrin ug/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	89.6% Recovery
$P,P^1 - DDD ug/1$	ND	ИД	ND	ND	ND .	
P, P1 - DDT ug/1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Methoxychlor -
mirex µg/l	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	100.0% Recovery
methoxychlor ug/1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
toxaphene ug/1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Volume of Sample extracted u g/l	3240	3220	2760	3300	3050	
Total resolved Hydrocarbons by GC ug/l	416.63	259.98	ND	170.18	ND	

Appendix 1. Water current data of sites sampled during the winter and summer, 1983.

	Tide Phase	Slack	Ebb + 1:45 hrs.	Ebb + 4:50 hrs.	Slack	Stack	Slack	Ebb +2:45 hrs.	Ebb +4:40 hrs.	Slack	Flood + 4:15 hrs.	Ebb + 2:35 hrs.	Slack	Ebb + 4:00 hrs.
	Current Speed (knots)	0.7	0.1	0.8 0.4	0.7	7.0 7.0	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	1.1	4.0 4.0	0.8 0.6	0.7
SUMMER	Current Direction	012° 015°	290° 110°	160° 225°	187° 16′)°	020° 010°	040° 340°	092° 178°	147° 160°	110° 175°	020° 340°	090° 091°	225° 230°	107° 115°
S	Depth	surface bottom												
	Station Depth	8.5	9.25	9.25	9.25	11.0	9.5	7.75	10.0	10.25	10.5	7.5	7.3	9.5
	Station	DS03	9080	DS08	DS10	DS13	CS02	CS05	60SO	CS11	CS13	DC03	DC02	DC01
	Tide Phase	Ebb + 2:00 hrs.	Ebb + 4:30 hrs.	Slack	Flood + 1:30 hrs.	Flood + 3:05 hrs.	Slack	Ebb + 1:35 hrs.	Ebb + 3:15 hrs.	Ebb + 5:00 hrs.	Slack	Flood + 4:10 hrs.	Slack	Ebb + 1:20 hrs.
	Current Speed (knots)	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6 0.5	0.3	0.2	0.65	0.5
WINTER	Current Direction	187° 170°	160° 173°	150° 225°	170° 285°	322° 305°	025° 295°	050° 155°	125° 150°	145° 155°	125° 225°	350° 345°	235° 190°	200° 170°
	Depth	surface	surface bottom	surface bottom	surface bottom	surface bottom	surface bottom	surface bottom	surface	surface bottom	surface bottom	surface bottom	surface bottom	surface bottom
	Station Depth	8.0	8.0	9.25	9.5	11.0	9.5	8.0	9.25	10.75	11.0	6.5	8.25	7.75
	Station	DS 0.3	9080	60S <b>Q</b>	DS1:	DS13	CS 02	CS 04	60SO	CS10	CS13	DC03	DC02	0001

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Overall ranked abundance of macroinvertebrates collected during summer at the control site. Mean density (number per 0.1 m<sup>2</sup>) and standard error of the mean at each station is indicated. Appendix 6.

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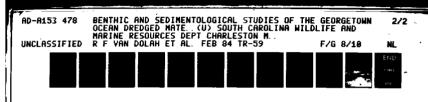
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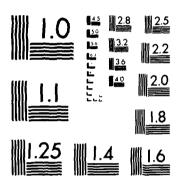
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Appendix 10, Overall ranked abundance of macroinvertebrates collected during summer at the "down current" site. Mean density (number per 0.1 m<sup>2</sup>) and standard error of the mean at each station is indicated.

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Species diversity and faunal density of grab samples collected in the study area. The units for values of H' are bits. Appendix 11.

STATION	DIVERSITY (H')	EVENNESS (1')	RICHNESS (SR)	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS/0.5 m <sup>2</sup>	NUMBER OF SPECIES
			WIN" ER		
CS02	3.8	9.0	11.2	832	76
CS04	4.7	0.7	12.0	794	81
CS09	5.0	0.8	13.4	559	86
CS10	5.6	0.7	23.9	3120	193
CS13	4.5	0.7	15.7	1252	113
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0000	3.2	0.0	8.0	7/4	43
60S0	4.2	0.7	12.0	571	7.7
DS11	1.4	0.3	5.0	736	34
DS13	3.4	0.6	10.3	741	69
DC01	2.0	4-0	c.	851	11
DC02	3.4	9-0		282	87
DC03	3.2	0.7	6.9	382	21
			SUMMER		
CS02	3.9	9.0	10.5	200	99
CS05	4.3	0.7	11.1	426	89
60SO	6.7	0.8	12.5	371	75
CS11	5.8	0.8	19.3	754	129
CS13	5.2	0.7	17.5	1410	128
DS03	3.0	9.0	6.7	219	37
DS06	3.4	9.0	10.6	721	: 12
DS08	5.8	6.0	16.8	454	104
DS10	4.6	0.7	12.8	778	86
DS13	3.1	0.5	12.9	2171	100
DC01	4.3	0.8	9.3	234	52
DC02	3.7	9.0	12.2	518	7.7
DC03	3.7	0.8	5.3	166	28

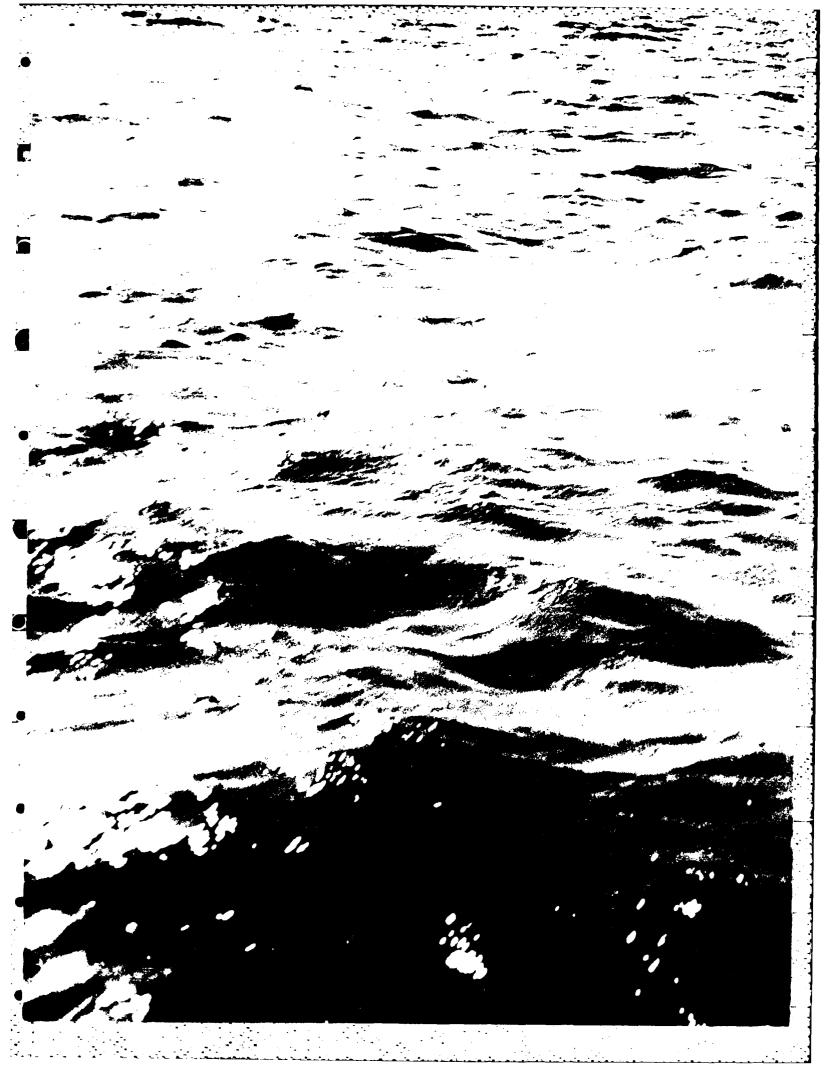
Appendix 12. Tissue sample analysis of Busycon carica from Georgetown DMDS area. (CH - channel, CS - control, DS - disposal, DC - down current)

	S	SQ	DC	SPIKE	SPIKE
PCBs ug/g	Ę.	ND	ND	1254 PCB - 100.0%	
← -BHC ug/g	ND	Đ.	£		
lindane µg/g	Q.	ND	ND	59.8%	
heptachlor µg/g	ND	ex ex	£		
B-BHC µg/g	ND	QN	QV		
aldrin µg/g	QN.	QN	ND		
heptachlor erovide ug/g	ND	QN	Q.		
P, P <sup>l</sup> - DDE ug/g	UD	QN	ND		
0, P <sup>1</sup> - DDD ug/g	QN QN	QN	Q		
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chlordane ug/g	MD	QN	QN QN		
dieldrin µg/g	£	Æ	Q.		
endrin µg/g	ND	ND	QN.	100.02	
p, p <sup>1</sup> - DDD ug/g	UD	QN	QN.		
P, P <sup>1</sup> - DDT ug/g	ND	QN	æ		
mirex µg/g	QN	Ę	Œ		
methoxychlor µg/g	QN.	Đ.	QN		
toxaphene µg/g	CN.	ND	QN		
		Methoxychlor		134.9%	
Wet wt. of sample extracted $\mu g/g$	50.6597 53	51.8103	50.8697	C18	58.3% Recovery
Total resolved Hydrocarbons by GC ug/g	æ	GN CN	Q.	C20 C23	C20 53.1% Recovery C22 41.7% Recovery
Total Unresolved Hydrocarbons by GC µ8/8	AD ON	Ĉ.	Q.		
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 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{ND}}$  - Not Detected; Detection Limit is 50 ppb.



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